



William "Bill" J. Johnston

May 18, 1924 - August 12, 2020

William "Bill" J. Johnston, 96, of Grand Island passed away on Wednesday, August 12, 2020 at home.

Visitation will be held on Sunday from 4 to 6 p.m. at All Faiths Funeral Home.

Funeral Services will be held at 11 a. m. at Calvary Lutheran Church on Monday. Pastor Sheri Lodel will officiate. Burial will follow at Westlawn Memorial Park Cemetery.

CDC guidelines and social distancing will be followed for the visitation and service. Face masks are required, we are trying to protect those most vulnerable.

All Faiths Funeral Home is entrusted with arrangements. Memorials are suggested to the family for future designation.

William J. Johnston was born on May 18, 1924 on the Johnston family farm near Gibbon, son of Albert Harrison and Clara Johanna (Eggers) Johnston.

Bill grew up on the family farm, and attended school at District 18. After moving to a farm near Kenesaw, Bill attended District 44, completing the 8th grade and declining to attend high school as "he was ready to get out an earn

some money.” He worked with his Dad on WPA road construction, traveled with a wheat harvest crew and would do odd jobs for local farmers.

Bill enjoyed playing baseball and also skeet shooting.

On January 30, 1954 he was united in marriage to Vera Anderson in Axtell, NE. Bill became an instant Father to Vera’s two daughters, Carole and Debbie.

Bill’s family made their home in Hastings until 1964 when they moved to Grand Island. Bill was employed by Holiday Manufacturing and would continue until his retirement from Leon Plastics and Chemicals.

After his retirement, Bill and Vera enjoyed wintering in Texas and California with their motorhome. Bill enjoyed riding and took many motorcycle trips with friends. He adored all of God’s creatures and had a beloved four-legged companion and best friend, Maggie for many years.

Those left to celebrate his life are; daughter, Debbie Loewenstein and husband, Rich; son-in-law, Harlan Speer; granddaughters, Tiffany Speer, Lisa Lowenstein, and Sara (Josh) Sutherland; great-grandchildren, Anaka, Colby, Bailey, Samantha, Hudson, Jacob and Cora; sister, Mrs. Deloris Porterfield; sister-in-law, Mrs. Ardyth Anderson; nephews, David Tjarks, and Jim Porterfield; nieces, Karen Jones, Paula Stinson and JoEllen Jacobitz.

Bill was preceded in death by his wife Vera on November 1, 1999; daughter, Carole Speer; grandson, Brian Speer; parents, Albert and Clara Johnston; sisters, Kathleen Collins and Mable Tjarks.

Previous Events

Visitation

AUG **16**. 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM (CT)

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Celebration of Life

AUG **17**. 11:00 AM - 11:30 AM (CT)

Calvary Lutheran Church
Grand Island, NE

Tribute Wall



“ *William "Bill" J. Johnston*

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