



## William Duane Stoppkotte

October 27, 1931 - January 21, 2022

William Duane Stoppkotte, 90, of Grand Island, passed away on Friday, January 21, 2022.

Memorial service and celebration of Duane's life will be at 10:30 a.m., February 2, at All Faiths funeral Home, with Dan Naranjo officiating. Burial of ashes will follow the service at the Grand Island Cemetery, complete with military honors.

William was born October 27, 1931, in Grand Island to William H. and Emile (Birkholz) Stoppkotte. He grew up in Grand Island, attending the old Dodge Elementary School, the old Barr Junior High School, and graduating from Grand Island Senior High School in 1949.

In 1932 William was baptized at Trinity United Methodist Church, his faith for his entire life. He was currently a member of First Faith Methodist Church. William entered the US Air Force on October 4, 1951 and was trained as an Air Traffic Controller. He was on Okinawa for two years during the Korean War; and received his Honorable Discharge on October 3, 1955. He then went to work for the FAA as an ATC controller, retiring after 30 years of federal service in October of 1981.

Bill became the father of three daughters as a result of his marriage to Peggy Downing on June 17, 1962. This marriage ended in 1974. On June 12, 1982, Bill married his best friend, and the love of his life, Cherrill Burns (Hadenfeldt), becoming stepfather of her three children.

Bill worked for the Nebraska Law Enforcement Training Center for eleven

years, retiring again in December of 1996. He later worked at Walmart, retiring for the last time after 9 ½ years, in 2007.

One of Bill's biggest joys was spent traveling in the car with his wife Cherrill, whether it was local, throughout Nebraska, or during their many trips to the Southwest, mainly to Arizona and California.

Having a complete wood shop, Bill's biggest hobby was wood working, making furniture, countless toys and many home improvements. During his younger years he loved swimming and hunting. In later years, he spent countless hours transferring his many hundreds of music LP's into digital form. He never tired of music. One of his latest joys was when his daughter, Patricia, moved back to Nebraska to live with him in 2018.

He is survived by his daughters, Penny (Steve) McNeely, of Lawson, MO, and Patricia Stoppkotte of Grand Island; stepchildren, Mark (Susan) Hadenfeldt, Vickie (Steve) Rasmussen and Eric (Shari) Hadenfeldt; six grandchildren; three great-grandchildren; an "adopted" son since 1996, Doyle Henke; and wonderful neighbors he considered family, Javier and Gabriela de la Torre and their children, Daisy, PJ and Giovanni "Grandpa loves you".

He was preceded in death by his wife, Cherrill; his parents; his daughter, Candi Stoppkotte; grandson, Sam Rasmussen; and sister, Janice Rockwell. In lieu of flowers, memorials are suggested to Hope Harbor of Grand Island. Online remembrances may be left at [www.giallfaiths.com](http://www.giallfaiths.com).

# Previous Events

## Celebration of Life Service

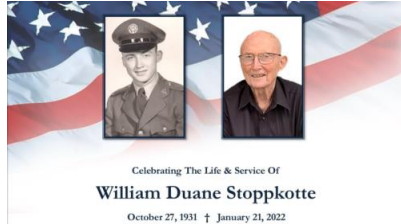
FEB 2. 10:30 AM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *All Faiths Funeral Home created a Webcast in memory of William Duane Stoppkotte*



**All Faiths Funeral Home** - February 02, 2022 at 11:22 AM



“ *William Duane Stoppkotte*

October 08, 2023 at 11:02 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of William Duane Stoppkotte.*



February 01, 2022 at 11:38 AM

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“ *William Stoppkotte, known to us as Uncle Duane, always had a friendly smile and saw the bright side of any situation.*

*Uncle Duane, you will be missed and never forgotten.*

*Sending our love,*

*Duane Hubler & family*



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**Duane Hubler** - January 31, 2022 at 04:18 PM

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*I never met my brother in law, but I know my sister Cherrill loved him completely. They were perfect for each other. We spoke quite often on the phone and he always said I love you when we'd hang up. I'll miss our conversations and I know Pat will miss him terribly. He was so happy to have you with him honey. Take care. Blessings sent.*

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**Bonnie Burns Langley/sister in law** - February 14, 2022 at 09:54 PM

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“ *Mark . purchased a sympathy card for the family of William Duane Stoppkotte.*



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**Mark .** - January 29, 2022 at 10:55 AM