



William "Bill" Urbanek

May 30, 1926 - June 20, 1953

William F. Urbanek, 94, of Grand Island, passed away on July 6th at the Veteran's Hospital in Grand Island. All Faiths Funeral Home is entrusted with arrangements.

Bill was born on May 30, 1926 outside of Stanton, NE, the only child of Joseph and Antonia (Koryta) Urbanek. He was raised in the Stanton area and graduated from Clarkson High School in 1945 prior to entering the United States Army.

On June 20 1953, Bill was united in marriage to June Rakow. Three children were blessed into this union. They spent time living in various parts of the country, such as Wyoming, where Bill earned his Master's Degree in education at the University of Wyoming. He also lived in Illinois, where he obtained his Doctorate Degree, also in education from Northern Illinois University. He spent 37 years working in education, 36 of which were in administrative positions. During his time in education, Bill won various awards and was instrumental in starting many programs. One program involved bringing salad bars into the elementary schools in Maquoketa, Iowa, where he retired from being superintendent of schools in 1988.

In his spare time, Bill enjoyed traveling to Europe and going on cruises with his wife. In 2004, Bill and June moved to the Grand Island area while still spending winters in Florida.

Those left to cherish his memory include his wife, June; children, Tom (Kelli) Urbanek, Sue Urbanek, Rob Urbanek; six grandchildren; and one great

grandchild.

Bill was preceded in death by his parents and parents -in-law.

Memorials are suggested to the family to present to the Grand Island Veteran's Hospital Hospice Unit at a later date.

Tribute Wall



“ *William "Bill" Urbanek*

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“ *To June and family: Am so sorry to hear of the passing of Bill. I will remember all the good times we had as friends on our trips with the school board members from Maquoketa area. Also as a great neighbor and the good times in Florida. Mostly John and Bill had such a good time when we would meet and greet thru out your time here in the Maquoketa area. To all the family I will remember all the good you did for our School too. Connie Cressey and family*

Connie M Cressey - July 11, 2020 at 09:26 AM