



Dr. William "Bill" Gregg O'Hara

June 18, 1941 - December 14, 2024

Dr. William "Bill" Gregg O'Hara, age 83, of Ottumwa, IA, passed away unexpectedly on Saturday, December 14, 2024, at his home.

Bill was born on June 18, 1941, at home in rural Monroe County to William George and Verna Claire (Scott) O'Hara. He grew up attending school in Moravia and graduated with the Class of 1958. Following high school, Bill served his country in the United States Army. He then went to the University of Iowa graduating in 1965 and Creighton University graduating in 1970.

Bill had a long, successful career as a dentist. He started practicing dentistry in 1970, practicing in many different places, including Albia, Ottumwa, and Arizona, working well into his 70s. He was a mentor to many in the field over the years and served as President of South East Iowa District Dental Society from 1975-1976.

Bill was a man of great faith. He was very outgoing and loved to visit with others, often going out to eat with friends. As Creighton Alumni, he maintained many relationships from the University for many years. In the summer months, his favorite hobby was boating at Lake Rathbun. He enjoyed watching the Iowa Hawkeyes and was a fan of Porsches, owning several different ones over the years. He enjoyed spending time with his family, especially his great nieces and nephews and great-great nieces and nephews.

Bill is survived by his niece, Jean (Bob) Henderson of Albia; a nephew, William Patrick (Bette) McGee of Ft. Wayne, IN; his great nieces and nephews, Aaron (Mariah) Henderson, Nicole (Cody) Myers, David (Melissa) McGee, Daniel (Katelyn) McGee, and Katie (Jason) Genereux-Matson; and 13 great-great nieces and nephews. Bill is also survived by many good friends.

Bill is preceded in death by his parents, W.G. and Verna O'Hara; a sister, Patricia "Patty" McGee; 3 nephews, Jim, Tim, and Mike McGee; and a niece, Carol Genereux.

Visitation will be held from 3:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, December 17, 2024, at the Tharp Funeral Home in Albia, with Bill's family present throughout to greet family and friends. A Christian Wake Service will be held at 4:00 p.m. and a Rosary will be held at 7:00 p.m. led by St. Mary's Altar & Rosary Society.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be held at 10:30 a.m., Wednesday, December 18, 2024, at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Albia, with Father Isaac Essel officiating. Military honors provided by the American Legion of Albia, Lovilia, and Melrose will follow services at the church. A private family burial will be held at a later date.

Memorials have been established to the Welcome Home Soldier monument in Albia and St. Jude's Children's Hospital.

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC 17. 3:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Tharp Funeral Home
116 Benton Ave.
Albia, IA 52531
(641) 932-3129
<https://www.tharpfh.com/>

Christian Wake Service

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Rosary

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Mass of Christian Burial

DEC 18. 10:30 AM (CT)

St. Mary's Catholic Church
730 Benton Ave W
Albia, IA

Tribute Wall

DA

“ *RIP Dr. O'Hara. You were a great dentist and person. Loved to hear you tell stories while setting in the dentist chair.*

Deb Allman - December 19, 2024 at 12:06 PM

JP

“ *I started cleaning for Bill about 15 years ago. I was introduced through a friend of both of ours and Bill and I had a very good rapport between us. We ended up being very good friends! And of course we both had the gift of loving to talk and so cleaning took a back seat sometimes to sitting down and talking first. Lots of stories about the lake and just everything. He just had a zest for life at his age that was just marvelous! I will definitely miss him. Jill Pumroy-Buckley*

Jill Pumroy-Buckley - December 18, 2024 at 10:54 AM

DA

“ *So sorry to hear of Doc's passing. Always liked visiting with him and his stories on the lake. Rest in peace! Denny and Karen Amoss*

Denny Amoss - December 18, 2024 at 09:33 AM

DB

“ *Bill attended Mass at St. Mary of the Visitation of Ottumwa and many of us truly enjoyed visiting with him while enjoying coffee and rolls, following Mass. Bill was a vibrant, fun loving man and we shared many laughs together. He truly will be missed. My condolences to all of his family members and may Bill rest in peace.*

De Brooke - December 18, 2024 at 12:04 AM

CK

“ It’s been a lot of years since seeing Dr. O’Hara. I got to know him while working for Dr. Stater in Centerville while he also practiced there. He would always be calling our office to tell me one of his famous (can’t share the nature) jokes. He had the best delivery and left you in stitches! Dr. OHara hosted several dental offices in his beautiful home in Albia, which we were chosen to be included in. We had a blast and can remember the shenanigans vividly! Thank you Bill for giving us the gift of your friendship. I am sad to read your passing was unexpected as much as you seemed to love life. Keep the Angels laughing!
Carol



Carol Kelley - December 16, 2024 at 06:25 PM



“ Blue Caribbean Bouquet was purchased for the family of Dr. William "Bill" Gregg O'Hara.



December 16, 2024 at 06:02 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Dr. William "Bill" Gregg O'Hara.

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