



William "Bill" Van Polen, Jr.

March 19, 1941 - November 6, 2014

William "Bill" Van Polen Jr, age 73, passed away Thursday, November 6, 2014, at his home in Eddyville.

Bill was born March 19, 1941, to William Sr. and Laurel L. (Willett) Van Polen in Mahaska County, Iowa. Bill attended Fremont High School and graduated with the class of 1959. In 1960 Bill entered the Air Force and served for the 479 Tackfighter Wing until 1964. On September 18, 1965, he married Judith Ann Bloodsworth at the Christian and Ministry Alliance Church in Boone, Iowa. To this union, three children were born, Doug, Jeff, and Lynn.

In 1966 Bill purchased land in Monroe County where he farmed and was still currently residing. He farmed and raised hogs all of his life retiring in 2014. Bill enjoyed being outdoors, boating, fishing, hunting, going for drives, country music, and attending all of his grandchildren's sporting events. Bill's real pleasure in life was his family, always being sure to put them first and foremost.

He was a member of St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Albia.

Bill is survived by his wife of 49 years, Judith Van Polen; three children, Douglas Allen (Jana) Van Polen, Jeffery Jay (Michelle) Van Polen, and Lynnetta Lee (Wayne) Heaton; seven grandchildren, Bob (Jenna) Van Polen,

Evy (Scott) Embree, Morgan Van Polen, Lexie Van Polen, Jade Van Polen, Jay Heaton, and Erin Heaton; three great grandchildren, Colby Embree, Lucy Embree, and Sage Van Polen; 3 brothers, Jim Van Polen, Bob Van Polen, and Jerry Van Polen; two sisters, Lorraine Van Polen and Donna Van Polen, and many nieces and nephews.

He is preceded in death by his parents William and Laurel Van Polen; and a sister, Mazie Van Polen Rouw.

Funeral Service will be held at 10:30 a.m., Tuesday, November 11, 2014 at St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Albia, with Pastor Nancy Reed Officiating. Burial with military rites provided by the American Legion of Melrose Albia, and Lovilia will be in Bethel Cemetery in Monroe County.

Visitation will be held from 2:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. Monday, November 10, 2014 at the Tharp Funeral Home in Albia, with Bill's family present from 4-8 p.m.

A memorial has been established to the Albia Athletic Dept. or the Lake Miami Trap Shooting program.

Tribute Wall



“ *William "Bill" Van Polen, Jr.*

January 30, 2023 at 05:06 AM



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January 30, 2023 at 02:53 AM



“ *sorry to hear about jr
he help me on rose hill farm putbeans in
my got b*

charles morgan - oskaloosa - friend - November 13, 2014 at 12:00 AM



“ *My sincere condolences for his passing. He was a good man. He
will be missed.*

Janet (Van Polen) Martin - Rose Hill, IA - Cousin - November 11, 2014 at 12:00 AM



“ *Our deepest sympathy to Judy & family. Many great memories from
visiting and staying with you both. From boating to just hanging out.
Our kids loved the family room upstairs & the pool table & just
spending time on your farm. I am so glad my husband Rich got to
know Bill. They had so much in common with the farming & all.
Prayers to you all. Chris & Rich Nathan, Kia, & Zak*

Christina nelson - Huxley, IA - cousin - November 10, 2014 at 12:00 AM

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“ *My Sincere condolences to you (Judy) and your family in the loss of 'Bill'. It was announced in church this morning to have prayer for the Van Polen family and when I inquired I found out it was your husband Bill. You are all in my thoughts and prayers. Patty McCrea Elscott*

Patty Elscott - Oskaloosa, IA - E.H.S. Class '62' with Judy - November 09, 2014 at 12:00 AM

JC

“ *I remember all the good times we had as kids. Especially when we all would get together at Bill and Laura's on the 4th of July to shoot fire crackers and the "big kids" shot cherry bombs and "M" 80s. Junior will be missed so very much!*

June Van Polen Staab - Troup, TX - Cousin - November 09, 2014 at 12:00 AM