



## William "Bill" Randel

May 20, 1935 - August 20, 2022

William Randel, 87, of Lennox, SD, passed away Saturday, August 20, 2022 at Avera McKennan Hospital, Sioux Falls, SD. William Clarence Randel was born on May 20, 1935, at Harris, KS, the son of William Earl and Emma Florence (Wilper) Randel. When he was age seven, he moved with his family to Kit Carson, CO. On June 2, 1956, he married Carolyn L. Dufur at Syracuse, KS. Bill was employed in bridge construction in Kansas, first as a carpenter and then as a crane operator. In 1957 the couple moved to Sioux Falls, where Bill worked on the Interstate Highway. In 1958 he was promoted to Job Supervisor and supervised the building of the twin bridges at the I-29 and I-229 exit in Sioux Falls and the twin bridges at the I-29 Canton exit. Over the years he supervised the building of many bridges in SD, IA and NE. The parking ramp over the Sioux River in Sioux Falls was one of the more interesting projects. In 1965, Bill moved his family to Lennox and left bridge construction. He worked for several Sioux Falls contractors as a union carpenter. He retired in 1999, after 26 years with Henry Carlson Co. For 25 years he did saw and tool sharpening and with his wife, owned and operated Randel Laundromat in Lennox. Bill was a Communicant member of First English Lutheran Church, Lennox. He had many passions, and had served for 2 years as Lennox Mayor and for 10 years on the Lennox City Council. He served 14 years as an EMT on the Lennox Area Ambulance. He devoted many years developing the Lennox Area Museum. Bill was known as an honest, hard working man, who valued his "word." He was a good husband

and proud father of their 3 children. His 12 grandchildren, 15 great-grandchildren and 5 and 8/9 great-great grandchildren were the delight of his life. Besides his parents and in-laws, Bill was preceded in death by, sister, Mary (Woodrow) Wilson, sister, Mildred (Gene) Collins, brother, Alvin (Sonja) Randel and brother, Charles "Bud" (Dana) Randel and six brothers-in-law, 1 sister-in-law and 3 nephews. He is survived by wife, Carolyn; son, Bill Jr (Lori) Randel, daughter, Linda Randel King (Donal King) and daughter, Jodi (Randy) Engel; brothers: Carl and Jim; sisters: Alice Borkosky, Barbara Cummins, Carol (Gary) Terrell and his many grandchildren, nieces, nephews and friends. In lieu of flowers, memorials may directed to The Lennox Area Community Fund, FELC Endowment Fund or the Lennox School Lunch Pay Ahead Fund or charity of choice.

Memorial visitation, with the family present, will be 5 to 7 p.m Thursday, September 8, with a sharing time at 7 p.m., at First English Lutheran Church, Lennox, SD.

Family directed graveside services will begin at 2:00 p.m. Monday, September 12 at the Waverly Cemetery, Waverly, KS, with fellowship time to follow at 3:00 p.m. at the Waverly Senior Center, Waverly, KS.

# Tribute Wall

BK

“ *Such a dear friend. With deepest sympathy.  
My thoughts and prayers are with you.* ”



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**Barb Karczewski** - August 30, 2022 at 12:00 AM

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“ *My sympathies to Carolyn and family.....Jim and Jeff always enjoyed visiting with him.....He was a great guy....* ”

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**Donna Roti** - August 25, 2022 at 12:00 AM

GP

“ *So Sorry to hear of the passing of Bill.. Always enjoyed our chats and serving on the City Council with him.. Prayers to the Family..* ”

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**Greg Poppenga** - August 23, 2022 at 12:00 AM

VN

“ *So sorry to hear of Bills passing.* ”

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**Vincent Nesheim** - August 23, 2022 at 12:00 AM

KC

“ *So sorry for your loss* ”

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**Keona Clark** - August 23, 2022 at 12:00 AM