



William Shumaker

June 14, 1951 - November 20, 2023

William "Bill" "Willy" Shumaker, 72, passed away November 20th, 2023, at his rural Lennox, SD home due to natural causes.

William Ernest Shumaker was born at Sioux Falls, SD, on June 14, 1951, the son of Lyle and Edna (Kroeger) Shumaker. He grew up attending school in Humboldt, SD, graduating from West Central High School in 1970.

After graduation, Bill began a life long career in well drilling, working for B.T.Collins. Dave Putzke bought the company, and it became Dave Putzke Drilling. He remained employed here until his death.

Bill married Cheryl Osthus in 1973. Three children were born to this union, Tamera, Eric and Jeffery. He later married Javene Clark on June 10, 1995 at Humboldt, SD. The couple made their home near Lennox, SD. Javene died on March 18th, 2014.

Bill was a member of West Prairie Lutheran Church where he served on the church council.

When Bill wasn't working he could be found at West Prairie mowing the church and cemetery. He loved his garden at the shop and would spend hours there, he called it his therapy. He would then spend hours canning. His other love was pool and his pool family, Bill shot on the Lennox Area League for 25 years and counting. He would never turn down a chance to play and to show people you can hit soft and still win the game (Willy Willy Soft). He played for the Church Softball Team, as well as in Sioux Falls. He also enjoyed bowling, hunting, cards and golfing. The past 8 years Bill has spent Christmas in

Deadwood with his friend Mark, he had some of the best stories from those trips. He would look forward to it all year. Fourth of July was a special day for Bill, he spent the entire day with his family. The display of fireworks in the backyard would rival any in the county.

Besides his wife Javene, his parents, Bill was preceded in death by 9 siblings, 1 Grandson, Son in law, Sister in law and 2 brother in laws.

He is survived by his children: Tamera (Matt) Haase, Minneapolis MN, Jeffery (Darcy) Shumaker, Sioux Falls, and Eric Shumaker, Sioux Falls. Step-Children: Laurie Legg, LaCrosse WI, Missy Shyne, Sioux Falls, Mike (Amy) Smith Hurley, Nikki (Paul) Barnhart Sioux Falls. Grandchildren: Derek (Pam) Murray, Brittany (Wesley) Lunt, Devon Murray (Crystal), Drake Murray, Raegan, Brinlee, Harper Smith, Aleacia (Mike) Becker, Gabrielle, Maxwell & Victoria Haase, Jack & Lucy Shumaker. 11 Great-Grandchildren. Siblings: Norman (Arlene) Shumaker, Harvey Shumaker, Dale (Lori) Shumaker, Walter (Bev) Shumaker, June Hitt and Marcia Narlin, as well as other relatives and friends.

Services will begin at 10:00 a.m. Tuesday, November 28, 2023 at West Prairie Lutheran Church, rural Lennox, SD. Visitation, with the family present, will be 5 to 7 p.m. Monday, also at West Prairie Lutheran Church.

Tribute Wall

AA

“ Sorry to hear of your loss. I used to be close with some of the extended family members

Allan Ackerman - January 08, 2024 at 12:00 AM

PW

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with you at this difficult time. Willie was a wonderful person.

Pam Wilson and Brian Wolff - November 27, 2023 at 12:00 AM

DB

“ DEEPEST OF SYMPATHY TO FAMILY OF BILL SHUMAKER, HE WAS A DEAR FRIEND, ALWAYS SMILING, HARD WORKER, LOVED TO HAVE FUN, GREAT POOL SHOOTER, SHOT AGAINST HIM ON 2 LEAGUES, SHOT WITH HIM ON 1 LEAGUE, IT WAS ALWAYS A JOY, BILL WILL MISSED, LOVE TO ALL, GOD BLESS

Dean Bossman - November 26, 2023 at 12:00 AM

LJ

“ To Billy’s Shumaker family (my cousins) we send our sincere sympathy and send hugs of comfort. LeAnn (Boy) Hummel and Joe

Leann Hummel & Joe - November 26, 2023 at 12:00 AM

SB

“ So very sorry that he past sway. He was nice to us. He was a great friend to everyone. He will be missed.

Sandy Dombrock and Sharon Bond - November 25, 2023 at 12:00 AM

SA

“ *“œWilly” Bill will be greatly missed. It was not very often you saw him without a smile. He was a very hardworking man” appreciated by many.*

Sally - November 25, 2023 at 12:00 AM

KH

“ *So sorry for your loss. Willie was one of greatest guys loved running into him at pool he will be dearly missed.*



Kristy Hein - November 24, 2023 at 12:00 AM

TK

“ *Willy was a good man and a nice guy. We will miss him.*

Terry Kohrt - November 24, 2023 at 12:00 AM