



Mr. William "Bill" Gerald Osterndorf

April 14, 1925 - April 15, 2018

William "Bill" Gerald Osterndorf, a resident of Willow Springs, passed away early Sunday morning while at Willow Care Nursing Home due to natural causes. Born April 14, 1925 to William F. and Katherine A. (Schultz) Osterndorf in Belmont, Wisconsin, he was 93 years old.

Bill grew up in Platteville, WI and attended the local schools and graduated from the Platteville High School in 1942. He also attended college in Butte, Montana where he studied geology. He was baptized and confirmed in the Lutheran Church, and was a member of the St. Paul Lutheran Church in Willow Springs. Bill volunteered for the military in June, 1943 and proudly served his country in the U.S. Navy. He served on several ships, which included the USS Shenandoah, the USS Mexico Victory, and the USS Santa Isabel. He received the American Area Ribbon, the Asiatic Pacific Area Ribbon, and the World War II Victory Ribbon for his service and was honorably discharged in February, 1952. He was thrilled to be among the veterans who joined the Honor Flight to Washington, D.C. in 2012. He moved to the Ava area in 1952, where he taught school in a one-room schoolhouse in Wasola. He was then employed as a highway designer with MODOT for 32 years until his retirement in 1986. Bill was married to Pauline Johnson-Thompson in Miami, OK on December 31, 1975. One of Bill's favorite past-times was to join his friends at McDonald's for coffee. Bill was instrumental in helping found the Willow Springs Senior Center, where he loved to eat lunch

and spend time visiting with friends. For the past two years, he would enjoy supper with two of his dearest friends, Ted Elmore and B.J. Shock. He will be greatly missed by his family and friends, as well as all who knew him.

He is preceded in death by his parents, his wife, Pauline and one brother.

Bill is survived by a sister, Joyce Austin, of Platteville, WI; a sister-in-law, Joan Osterndorf, also of Wisconsin, and his two dear friends, Ted Elmore and B.J. Shock of Willow Springs.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to the Willow Springs Senior Center building fund, and may be left at the funeral home.

A visitation for Bill will be held Thursday, April 19, 2018 from 10:00 to 11:00 A.M. at the Willow Funeral Home. Graveside services will immediately follow at the Willow Springs City Cemetery with full military honors. Arrangements are under the direction of Willow Funeral Home. On-line condolences may be left at www.willowspringsfuneralhome.com

Cemetery Details

Willow Springs City Cemetery

State Rte DD
Willow Springs, MO 65793

Previous Events

Visitation

APR 19. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Willow Funeral Home, LLC
106 E 3rd St
Willow Springs, MO 65793
(417) 469-3141

Graveside Funeral Service

APR 19. 11:00 AM (CT)

Willow Springs City Cemetery
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Tribute Wall

DC

“ *Doll Cash lit a candle in memory of Mr. William "Bill" Gerald Osterndorf*



Doll Cash - April 19, 2018 at 09:12 PM

BW

“ *Brenda Wake lit a candle in memory of Mr. William "Bill" Gerald Osterndorf*



Brenda Wake - April 18, 2018 at 05:25 AM

JS

“ *Judy Swindle lit a candle in memory of Mr. William "Bill" Gerald Osterndorf*



Judy Swindle - April 15, 2018 at 03:22 PM

 Shawna Rose

“ *Shawna Rose lit a candle in memory of Mr. William "Bill" Gerald Osterndorf*



Shawna Rose - April 15, 2018 at 02:39 PM



“ *Ronda Kupitz Anderson lit a candle in memory of Mr. William "Bill" Gerald Osterndorf*



Ronda Kupitz Anderson - April 15, 2018 at 02:25 PM



“ *Bill was a wonderful man I have know him for 45 years I use to go to his home & get his car & take it back to our Detail shop & clean it we had a lot of good times visiting ..No matter where you where he always knew you & would visit or just wave as we passed in our cars.. Prayers for all*

Reda Brooks Foster - April 15, 2018 at 02:19 PM

NY

Bill was my uncle for many years. He was married to my aunt Lola for over 25 years. I always considered him an uncle to me my entire life. So much fun, so many fond memories. You, sir, will be greatly missed.

Netta Yardley - April 16, 2018 at 09:32 AM

JJ

Bill was my uncle. He was a kind, caring man who will be missed by all. I lived with Aunt Lola and Bill for about a half year in the 1950s when I was in junior high school in Willow Springs, and visited them and my grandparents over the years. I was so glad that I ran into Bill on my last visit to Willow Springs to see Lola before she passed away. I have many happy memories of both Lola and Bill, life on their farm, and times with extended family members. Bill will always hold a special place in my heart.

John S. Afill, Jr. - April 16, 2018 at 01:32 PM

AA

"Uncle Bill" I called him as a boy, but it was always "Bill O" later in life. When my mother, Velva, called this morning to tell me he had passed, I took the news with a particularly heavy heart. Mom was the older sister of his wife, Lola, another special person in my life who, along with Bill's encouragement, put me on the road to a life-long career and love of music. Throughout the years while my music caused me to travel, I never failed to send him a Christmas card, and he never failed to send one to me, always inviting me to come and visit him. Don't know if I can forgive myself for not having gone to see him these past 30 years. What a kind and wonderful man. RIP Bill O.

Alan Gibbons Afill - April 16, 2018 at 02:33 PM

BW

I have known Bill for 36 years. Never met such a wonderful person as he was. He used to stop and give us fresh produce out of his garden every week during summer. My Dad and me shared birthday cake with Bill just recently. We lost a great one here. RIP Bill..

Brenda Wake - April 18, 2018 at 05:24 AM