



## Wilbur "Bill" Murray

May 15, 1938 - April 25, 2020

FINCHFORD – Wilbur “Bill” Murray, 81, of Finchford died Saturday, April 25, 2020 at the Cedar Valley Hospice Home in Waterloo.

He was born May 15, 1938 in Waterloo, Iowa, the son of Charles and Esther (Page) Murray. He married Barbara Cobb on June 25, 1961 in Finchford.

He graduated from Finchford High School in 1958 and was employed in Shipping & Receiving at Waterloo Industries. He was a member of Finchford Community Bible Church.

Survived by: his wife, Barb; two sons, Brian Murray of Finchford and Brett (DeeDee) Murray of Waterloo; a daughter, Joelle Murray of Finchford; four grandchildren: April Murray, Breanna (Bill) Peters, Dani (Darald) Holm and Bryce Murray; three great grandchildren: Lexi, Brody and Paxton; a sister, Bonnie (Mel) McGranahan of Cedar Rapids; and two brothers, Joseph Murray of Jefferson and David Murray of Finchford.

Preceded in death by: his parents; two sisters, Norma Smelser and Marilyn Murray; and a nephew, Byron Smelser; and a niece Susan Spear.

A Celebration of Life will be held at a later date with inurnment in the Finchford Cemetery. Richardson Funeral Service is assisting the family.

Memorials may be directed to family for designation at a later date.

# Cemetery Details

## **Finchford Cemetery**

Finchford, IA

# Tribute Wall

AP

“ April sent a virtual gift in memory of Wilbur "Bill" Murray



April - January 21, 2021 at 07:15 PM

AP

“ Grandpa i know im acouple days late but i just wanted to say merry Christmas to u and i hope it was a good one for ya with ur mom and dad and just know you where here in spirit and grandmas lost with out you and its not the same wish you where here i love you and miss u tonz



April - December 27, 2020 at 07:11 AM

AP

“ I know this is suppose to be memories of my grandpa but i just wanted to tell him happy birthday from here on earth we know the angels above are throwing you the best birthday party ever i love you and miss you everyday r.i.p grandpa

April - May 15, 2020 at 12:25 PM

RP

“ I worked with Bill for several years in the shipping/receiving area at Waterloo Industries. He was fun and a good friend, we got along great. My condolences to Barb and his family. Take care, Barb.

*Richard Pint Cedar Falls*

Richard Pint - May 01, 2020 at 07:44 PM



“ *Barb and family: So sorry to hear of Bill's passing. He was a funny guy and we always came away with smiles after visiting with him. Prayers and thoughts to your entire family at this difficult time. May your memories bring you comfort and God's promises give you peace.*

*Randy and Terrie Thurm*

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**Terrie Thurm** - April 30, 2020 at 10:39 AM

MA

“ *Dear Barb and family, I know it has been a long time ago, but in some ways seems like just yesterday that you and Bill stopped over with your grand daughter when we had puppies! That would have been around 1992. Where does the time go?*

*My thoughts go out to you at this difficult time, which is made even more complicated with the current world situation.*

*Sending you a cyber hug my dear coworker from many moons ago.*

*Take care, Margie Miller*



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**Margie** - April 29, 2020 at 04:43 PM

CF

“ I knew Bill from living in Finchford for 11 years. His son Brian and his brother Dave were my neighbors. Bill was such a nice guy and will be missed by a lot of people. He was always so cheerful and always smiling. He had a very kind heart and would help you with anything. Heaven has gained a great man. My condolences go out to his family.

*Rest in Peace Bill.*

*Cyndi French*

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**Cyndi French** - April 29, 2020 at 04:10 PM

JM

“ To All--Family & Friends of Bill !

*I looked at this picture of Bill and many thoughts came to my mind . Many years of memories--good and sad ! Regardless of what was happening Bill always seemed to be able to put things in a positive perspective . He could see through the puzzles of life and come out with a truth that was real and factual . Sometimes he could be blunt and it would take some time to digest his thoughts--but it was always the real truth !*

*I look at this picture and I think how lucky I have been to be a brother of his . No , we did not always see eye to eye . We did not live in a perfect world--but a world that was genuine . This picture is a small review of what Bill was all about--his soul speaks with his eyes and face . He can see right through a lot of us . I love that his hair is messed up -he could have cared less --cause his life was all about the adventure of doing something different and trying different things but always with a dogged determination to get it done .*

*I look at this picture of Bill and think how fortunate he was to meet a fabulous woman named Barb Cobb on a cruise in Waterloo . Their life has been filled with ups and downs but the ups certainly have been better than the downs . They both resonate with the spirit of God in their heart . God has welcomed Bill in heaven ! I am so grateful to have been his brother on earth and when I am received in Heaven to be with him and others we both love --we will express our genuine love for each other again ! Can't wait for that !*

*I just pray that I can finally win a game of croquet or 500 in Heaven some day ! God Bless you Bill--YOU DID IT THE RIGHT WAY !!!*

**LOVE ALWAYS & FOREVER !**

**JOE MURRAY**

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**Joseph Murray** - April 28, 2020 at 12:17 PM

SF

“ Barb and family,  
Our church family will not be the same without Bill. It was truly a pleasure to have gotten to know him! He will be missed dearly....He is sheltered in the arms of God!  
Howard, Sheri, Sonya

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**Sheri Foutch** - April 28, 2020 at 12:28 AM

SA

“ The whole family will miss you, Uncle, but we all know we will see you again. Until then, watch over us and rest easy!❤️ Love you! sending all my love and prayers!

Samantha Cobb (Kissimmee, FL)

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**Samantha** - April 27, 2020 at 05:49 PM

AM

“ Grandpa you will be truly missed by all of us we know you are up in heaven looking down on us i wont forget the memories we share i wrote for poem for u and this is what it saysMy ice cream dripped on his good pants BUt grandpa didnt care his fishing tackle all tangled up and rods who knows where i lost the keys in the garage iv made a mess in their im always getting into things but grandpa doesn't care i help him in the garden we are really quite a pair i pull the plants with the weeds but grandpa doesn't care and when im grown and on my own and the visit become more rare i wont forget the loved id get when grandpa didnt care love your 1st and oldest granddaughter april dawn murray



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**April murray** - April 27, 2020 at 05:03 PM