



William LeRoy Bell

April 22, 1936 - May 14, 2018

CEDAR FALLS-William "Billy" LeRoy Bell, 82, of Nashua, formerly of Cedar Falls, died Monday, May 14, 2018, at Cedar Valley Hospice Home in Waterloo. He was born April 22, 1936 in Iowa City, IA, the son of Eldred and Grace (Steward) Bell. On April 13, 1963, he married Angie Snyder in Cedar Falls. They later divorced. On June 18, 2005, he married Julie Lange Ostrem in Cedar Falls.

He graduated from Cedar Falls High School in 1954 and later served in the United States Army. He was employed with the Cedar Falls Fire Department for 30 years, retiring in 1991 as Assistant Fire Chief. He was a member of the Cedar Falls AMVETS Post #49, serving as past Commander and later Chaplain on both the local and state levels.

Survived by: his wife; two daughters, Marija-Lisa (Eric) Musselman of Cedar Rapids, and Manette Anderson of Cedar Falls; a step-daughter Melissa (Don) Collins of Cedar Rapids; five grandchildren, Ryan Musselman of Richmond, VA, Aliya and Erin Musselman of Cedar Rapids, Tyler Anderson of Britt, and Kyle Collins of Cedar Rapids; and a sister, Dolores "Dee" Voorhees of Cedar Falls.

Preceded in death by: a sister, Maralee (Max) Lowcock and three grandchildren, Tanner, Macy and Morgan Anderson.

Services: 11:00 a.m. Friday, May 18 at Richardson Funeral Service in Cedar Falls. Visitation will be Thursday, May 17 from 4-8pm at Richardson Funeral Service. Private family interment with honors provided by the Cedar Falls

AMVETS Post #49 and Iowa Army National Guard at Hillside Cemetery,
Cedar Falls.

Memorials may be directed to the family to be designated at a later date.

Condolences may be left at www.richardsonfuneralservice.com

Cemetery Details

Hillside Cemetery

Lone Tree Road
Cedar Falls, IA 50613
(319) 273-8628

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY 17. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Richardson Funeral Service
615 Main Street
Cedar Falls, IA 50613
(319) 266-3525
richardsonfuneralservice@gmail.com
<http://richardson.funeralplan2.com>

Funeral Service

MAY 18. 11:00 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

JS

“ I’m saddened to hear of Billy’s passing it was a honor and a privilege to get to know him at Ace hardware he will be missed

Jim Springer - June 01, 2018 at 09:51 AM

MH

“ JULIE I’m so sorry to hear about Bill. Remember the fun times in Dubuque. Prayers for you and family.

Margaret Hansen - May 21, 2018 at 09:34 AM

GA

“ Julie, so sorry to hear of Bill's passing. You two are a blessed pair. Endure.

Gene and Bonnie Anderson

GENE ANDERSON - May 18, 2018 at 10:19 AM

JH

“ I loved seeing Bill walk down the Tea Cellar steps. What a delight he was! I’m sorry for your loss, Julie. Please know we care.

Justeen Hill - May 18, 2018 at 09:40 AM

SR

“ Steve And Linda Rolison lit a candle in memory of William LeRoy Bell



Steve and Linda Rolison - May 18, 2018 at 09:07 AM

SR

Sending sincere sympathy to all of Bill's family. Such a great man!

Steve and Linda Rolison - May 18, 2018 at 09:09 AM

KC

“ *Bill was always quite the character- and always a lot of fun! I was the owner of Fisher School of Acrobatics for many years - At our annual recitals, we'd have a men's (dressed as women) number in the program- Bill was always ready to participate - He was a ballerina, a tap dancer, a cheerleader, and many others including a swimsuit competition.... We'd all go out after the program and in those younger years (both his and mine) Bill would pick me up when I walked in and flip me over.... Oh those days....Rest in peace Bill...*

Kim Casey - May 17, 2018 at 08:32 PM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of William LeRoy Bell.*



May 17, 2018 at 02:08 PM

MD

“ *Melissa Dufel lit a candle in memory of William LeRoy Bell*



Melissa Dufel - May 17, 2018 at 11:11 AM



“ *Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of William LeRoy Bell.*



May 17, 2018 at 07:39 AM



“ *I had the pleasure of working with Bill for many years at CF Fire. I have many great memories of our time together and he will be missed for sure. God Bless ya Billy!*

Desi Duggan - May 16, 2018 at 11:31 PM



“ *So sorry for your loss Marija and the rest of the Musselman family. -
-Katie Jo Bruhn*

Katie - May 16, 2018 at 09:47 PM



“ *Julie's Cousin's: Steve Schneider, Rita Ireland purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of William LeRoy Bell.*



Julie's Cousin's: Steve Schneider, Rita Ireland - May 16, 2018 at 07:52 PM

KK

“ *Julie, our sympathy is with you. We have fun memories of times laughing with you and Bill. Wishing you strength and peace in the days ahead.*

Jim and Kathy Krieg

Kathy Krieg - May 16, 2018 at 06:13 PM

RP

“ *Roger Peterson lit a candle in memory of William LeRoy Bell*



Roger Peterson - May 16, 2018 at 05:08 PM

AS

“ *Angelo Schmidt lit a candle in memory of William LeRoy Bell*



Angelo Schmidt - May 16, 2018 at 03:44 PM

AS

*Billy Bell, always enjoyed you singing with Sweet Memories, and cutting up, your a great friend and a treasure in my heart !
God's Peace to your family, and Rest In Peace My Friend !
You are the Best of the Best !
A Big Salute from this Marine !*

Angelo Schmidt - May 16, 2018 at 03:52 PM

IH

Billy would dress up like Willie Nelson I dressed up like Julio Iglesias, we would sing to All the Girls We Loved Before it was truly a sweet memory. Rest in peace old friend I'll miss you.

Ivan Hankins - May 16, 2018 at 07:33 PM

MA

Ivan I'm just reading these now and could u find someone that would have taken a video of that (no cell phones then). Lol. I was there that night and I thought it was so good!

Manette Bell Anderson - November 02, 2021 at 07:20 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of William LeRoy Bell.*



May 16, 2018 at 01:24 PM

TG

“ *The Group purchased the Simply Chic Mixed Plant Basket for the family of William LeRoy Bell.*



The Group - May 16, 2018 at 01:23 PM

SB

“ So sorry for the loss of your dad. He sounds like an amazing family man . We have a lot in common as my dad served on the CR Fire Dept for 41 years.

I hope your memories of him will help fill those sad moments and bring a smile to your face.

We sure miss you at school

Stephanie B.

Stephanie Blood - May 16, 2018 at 10:24 AM

SC

“ Claude and I spent many joyful hours with Bill (and Julie), along with many AMVET friends which I will treasure always. God's blessings to Julie and all his family.



Shirley and Keith Christensen

Shirley Christensen - May 16, 2018 at 10:19 AM

PK

“ I've known Bill for 30 years. I reconnected with him last year when he started coming to Cedar Falls City Council meetings. His views were the subject of debate, but his devotion to the fire service and the city were without question. He confided his health issues to me but persevered anyway. He was a dedicated career firefighter and the only fire that could not be extinguished was the one in his heart for his profession and his community.

Pat Kinney - May 16, 2018 at 08:17 AM

AK

“ Will always remember for your wonderful smile and how you could tease. You are going to be missed. Love to the family

Ann Kline - May 16, 2018 at 07:03 AM

CD

“ *Bill, David and I love you so much. I know that you are both mowing lawns (and maybe having a beer) in heaven. I will miss you so much. "You don't sing me love songs, you don't bring me flowers anymore."*

Carole Deeds - May 15, 2018 at 11:58 PM



“ *Enduring Grace was purchased for the family of William LeRoy Bell.*



May 15, 2018 at 11:15 PM

GB

“ *Billy left the world much better than how he found it. Prayers to Julie and your entire family.*

Gale Bonsall - May 15, 2018 at 10:09 PM

DM

“ *1 file added to the tribute wall*



Dennis May - May 15, 2018 at 09:56 PM

KP

“ Thoughts and prayers in the loss of Bill. Lots of funny memories. Julie you have my sympathy. Karen Bibb - Pierce

Karen Bibb - Pierce - May 15, 2018 at 09:54 PM

DM

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Dennis May - May 15, 2018 at 09:53 PM

MA

I Love this picture:-)

Manette Bell Anderson - August 05, 2024 at 12:53 PM

DM

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Dennis May - May 15, 2018 at 09:45 PM

SK

“ 1 file added to the album *New Album Name*



Stephen Knight - May 15, 2018 at 03:43 PM

TH

“ *To the William Bell Family:*

Sending thanks to the family of Bill Bell for his faithful service to our country as a veteran, our city as a Firefighter and to all the events where Bill served as Chaplain

I knew Bill since I was a neighborhood kid that hung around the fire house begging for pop or to be able to ride the Fire Truck! I'm sure I pestered him and the other firefighters until they wanted to pull their hair out!

Bill will be at Peace when he knows his Family is at Peace.

Thank you Bill for your friendship over the years!

*Tom Hagarty
Junior Firefighter*

Tom Hagarty - May 15, 2018 at 03:23 PM