



William Wunschel

May 4, 1931 - April 11, 2012

William Edward son of Jennie Vera (Green) and Harry John Wunschel, was born May 4, 1931 in Cherokee, Iowa. He passed away at the Enid Integris Bass Baptist Medical Center on the 11th of April at the age of 80 years, 11 months and 7 days.

He attended school in Iowa. On August 12, 1950 he joined the United States Navy and served in Korea. He received the Good Conduct Medal, Korean Service Medal (7 stars), China Service Medal, National Defense Service Medal, United Nations Service Medal and the Navy Occupation Service Medal. Bill was honorably discharged on June 11, 1954.

On October 20, 1956 in Alva, Oklahoma he married Jean Howell at the Wesleyan Church. To their marriage two children, Melody and Jill, were born. Following their marriage they made their home in Alva and he worked for the Farmers Co-op for 41 years in the elevator and the feed store.

Bill was a member of the Alva Wesleyan Church. He led singing and taught Sunday School including last Sunday.

He was Alva Chamber of Commerce Citizen of the year November 12, 2002. He walked and road his bike for miles and was called the Alva Ambassador. He attended all of his grandchildren's sporting events.

Mr. Wunschel was preceded in death by his parents, a sister, Maxine; and two brothers, Herbert and Richard.

Bill is survived by his wife Jeanie, two daughters and their husbands, Melody and William Theademan, of Alva and Jill and Doug Boyd, of Canadian, Tx;

five grandchildren, Zach and Cari Ann Theademan, Mattie, Jazzie and Sadie Boyd; a sister Shirley Nierstheimer, of Wheatland, Wyoming; a number of nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

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Tribute Wall

JH

“ Bill was a great neighbor! He would go around to houses when it snowed and shovel the driveways and sidewalks. I got up one morning to go out and clean my car off and he had already done it. He wanted no compensation for all his good deeds. He will meet his Lord and the Lord will say good job my son.

Julie Davison Helm - April 26, 2012 at 12:00 AM

SP

“ My deepest sympathies to the family. Bill and Jennie opened their home to so many of Jill and Melody's friends, and for that I know we were grateful.

Scott Plunkett - April 15, 2012 at 12:00 AM

CE

“ Bills family...I'm so sorry for the loss of this good man...Alva's Ambassador..always a wave an a big smile...will certainly miss seeing him walking or riding his bike around town...love to his family

charlotte edwards - April 14, 2012 at 12:00 AM

KF

“ A great friend through the years. As a youth at the Wesleyan Church Bill and Jeanie were great leaders and supporters of us. Thanks for sharing your life with all of us Bill. You will be missed. Prayers for the family.

Kirk Fisher - April 14, 2012 at 12:00 AM

JB

“ Jeannie and family,

We were so sorry to hear of Bill's passing. The whole town will miss him. Please accept our condolences and know that we are thinking of you and your family.

Jim and Patty

Jim and Patty Barker - April 14, 2012 at 12:00 AM

JD

“ Jeanie & family so sorry for your loss. Bill will be missed by all of us. A great person and friend. Our prayers are with you all. Jim & Marilyn

Jim & Marilyn Davison - April 14, 2012 at 12:00 AM

JG

“ Bill will leave a big empty spot in Alva and in the hearts of us who have been lucky enough to know him. We'll remember Bill for his big wave of his hand and his ready smile. Our well wishes to Bills family. God Bless.

Joe & Dottie Gatz - April 13, 2012 at 12:00 AM

DW

“ Jean, we will truly miss seeing Bill when we are out eating. We were so fortunate to have made the acquaintance with you and Bill and will miss him. May the Lord comfort you as only He can.

Darrell and Grace Wessels - April 13, 2012 at 12:00 AM

SS

“ *Melody...I am conflicted. I know Bill is enjoying walking in heaven and having great conversations with the Lord...most likely trying to pull one over on Him with his wonderful humor. I also know how much you will miss your dad and grieve your loss. I am thinking of you, Jill, your mom and families.*

Su-Su Hackett Sawyer - April 13, 2012 at 12:00 AM

JG

“ *My thoughts and prayers are with you at this time.*

What a celebration that must have been in heaven when this wonderful person, that was loved by all, entered there.

May God grant you his peace and comfort at this time of sorrow for you.

Joyce Greer - April 13, 2012 at 12:00 AM

MS

“ *Our deepest sympathy goes out to your family. Bill has such a special man & meant a lot to our family! The words at the end of your video was so beautiful for it described him to a tee! We will always have fond memories of Bill. May the Lord keep you in his comfort always!*

Mark & Lisa

Mark & Lisa Small-Boler - April 13, 2012 at 12:00 AM

DS

“*Jeanie & family..We are so sorry for your loss! Bill will be missed by so many..can't imagine our being in Alva, and NOT seeing him walking or riding his bike, always wearing a smile no matter where he was seen. We pray each of you will find comfort which only our Lord can provide. May your hearts be warmed by special memories. "Earthly loss is Heaven's gain".*

Dale & Vaughna Schmidt - April 12, 2012 at 12:00 AM

AT

“*I am sorry to hear about Bill he was such a good guy. He was always so friendly and it didn't matter who you were he always made you feel welcome. He will be missed.*

Angie Thomas - April 12, 2012 at 12:00 AM

JS

“*Melanie, so sorry to hear about the passing of your Dad. This town will never be the same of not seeing him on his bike everyday. We really liked your Dad. Love ya Mallory and Janette, Cris and Ryah*

janette seevers - April 12, 2012 at 12:00 AM

DN

“*Bill was a genuinely nice gentleman with such a kind heart. He always willing to shake your hand or give you a wave. He will be missed by all whose lives he touched. Our sympathy to his family.*

Dave and Anita Noland - April 12, 2012 at 12:00 AM

JM

“ Alva has lost a great man, my sympathy to his family. Bill would always wave rideing his bike or walking driveing my kids around id pass by bill 2 3 4 5xs a day & he would always wave with his happy smile.Im not saprizied to read that bill received the GOOD CONDUCT MEDAL what a sweet man.

Jennifer Murrow - April 12, 2012 at 12:00 AM

JG

“ Dear Family,

I am so sorry for your loss and for our loss of a great person and Alvan. I just know he is waving now in Heaven. Blessings to you .

Jane Gaskill and family.

Jane Gaskill - April 12, 2012 at 12:00 AM

RF

“ What a wonderful man, father, grandfather, and citizen he was. Our prayers our with you and your family. Our thoughts will be with you as you celebrate Bill's life and you hold his memories close to you.

Rita Goodrich and Family - April 12, 2012 at 12:00 AM

LJ

“ Melody, I am saddened by the loss of your Dad. My condolences-
Linda Joseph

Linda Joseph - April 12, 2012 at 12:00 AM

RR

“ Bill work with my father at the feed store when I was a very young child. He always called my brother and by each others name; we thought he didn't know our names bad we wold try to correct him. He would argue with us and say we were pulling his leg. He assured us he new our correct names. He also would put his toe on the scales when we would tr to weight ourselves.

Occasionally, he would send home candy bars to us kids.

It has been my pleasure to have known him as a family friend and then be blessed a second time to have him as a family member/uncle through my wife.

He has always been an example to emulate as a man, friend and Christian.

Rick Rutherford - April 12, 2012 at 12:00 AM

IE

“ Melody, Jill, and all the rest of the Wunschel clan: Bill always made anyone he encountered feel special. I will miss him terribly, as I know you will. We'll see him again --- when the roll is called up yonder.

Ida Evans - April 12, 2012 at 12:00 AM

HH

“ Jeanie and family -- so sorry for your loss. My thoughts and prayers are with you.

Helen Hall - April 12, 2012 at 12:00 AM

SD

“ Last Sunday we were just talking about Bill! He was a wonderful song leader and he holds a sweet spot in our heart. We know he is now walking the streets of Gold. Tell Jesus hello for us Bill and we will see you again.

Steve and Paula Darr - April 12, 2012 at 12:00 AM

VW

“ Jeanie and family, Our thoughts and prayers are with all of you. Bill was a wonderful man. His many fine qualities live on in the lives of his dear family. He often rode his bicycle by our place when we were out in the yard and he always said hi. We are going to miss him going by. May God give you strength, comfort and peace now and in the years ahead when you think of Bill.

Virgil and Lavon Wiersig - April 12, 2012 at 12:00 AM

KC

“ Jeanie & Family We are so sorry to hear of your loss. Will miss Bill's friendly smile & wave. You will be kept in our thoughts and prayers

Kenneth & Donna Clark - April 12, 2012 at 12:00 AM

BB

“ Dear Wunschel Family, Our love and concern are with you and your families. I will certainly miss the wave of the hand and nod of the head when I travel down Flynn to work of a morning or at 1:00. May you be blessed in knowing how much Bill contributed to many people with the nod of the head and wave of the hand. Love to all

Bill and Linda Beeler - April 12, 2012 at 12:00 AM

LS

“ So sorry to hear of Bill's passing. I know he did a lot for others/the church. He will certainly be missed. Pray for comfort for the family.

Lila Henry Sherlock - April 12, 2012 at 12:00 AM