



## Bill Hoffmeyer

August 9, 1934 - January 9, 2015

William "Bill" Hoffmeyer, age 80, of Milford, IA, formerly of Petersburg, MN, passed away Friday, January 9, 2015 at the Milford Care Center, Milford, IA. Bill was born at the farm home near Huntington, IA on August 9, 1934, to Floyd and Harriet, also known as "Holly," (Stam) Hoffmeyer.

Bill graduated from Jackson High School, Jackson, MN, in 1952. He immediately enlisted and served his country in the Air Force for twelve years. While stationed in Shreveport, LA, he met and eventually married Era Nelwyn Plunkett on May 13, 1955.

Bill earned his Masters Degree in Academic Instruction from the University of Colorado in 1960. He worked for Northwestern Bell for the next 25 years, most of those years as an instructor, before retiring in 1990. While in the Air Force, he developed a love for flying. He continued with his pilot education and earned his commercial pilot's certification. He continued to fly for recreation throughout his life. Bill and Era enjoyed travel, both in the U.S and abroad, and were able to do so extensively. For many years they owned a vacation home at Lake Mille Lacs, MN which gave him the opportunity to indulge in his other loves of hunting, fishing, boating and photography. When he moved back to Petersburg, he volunteered with the Jackson County Sheriff's Reserve and the Lions Club.

Bill is survived by two sisters: Sandra Mixell of Fulda, MN; Joy Zweibahmer and her husband, Chuck, of Milford; sister-in-law, Barbara (Lonnie) Hoffmeyer of Estherville, IA and many nieces, nephews and cousins. He was preceded in

death by his wife, Era, who passed away on May 11, 2013; his parents; a brother and sister-in-law, Merritt and Evelyn (Evie) Hoffmeyer, Sherburn, MN; and a brother, Lonnie Hoffmeyer, Estherville.

A memorial service for family and friends will be held at 10:30 A.M. Saturday, March 7, 2015, at the Spirit Life Fellowship Church in Spirit Lake.

The Schuchert-Lentz Funeral Home, Spirit Lake, IA, is in charge of the arrangements.

# Tribute Wall

RK

“ *Bill was my husband, Ron's, roommate at Milford Care Center. He was a fine gentleman. We are so sorry for your loss.*

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**Ron and Jane Kauzlarich** - January 14, 2015 at 09:16 PM

JF

“ *I'm so sad to hear of Bill's passing. Our family loved visiting with Bill as neighbors and miss him greatly. Our sympathies to you on the passing of a wonderful man.*

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**Jeremy and Kim Roland family** - January 14, 2015 at 08:53 AM

DW

“ *Joy and Family, My prayers and thoughts are with you at his time of loss.*

*Dorothy Wagner*

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**Dorothy Wagner** - January 13, 2015 at 01:33 PM

GV

“ *Bill was a very nice man! We are so sad to hear of his passing. Our deepest sympathies to all of his family.*

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**Greg Allen and Josie Veigel** - January 12, 2015 at 08:08 PM

DL

“ *Joy and family -  
With deepest sympathies in your loss. Please know our thoughts  
and prayers are with you.*

*Dawn & Mike*

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**Dawn Ludwig** - January 11, 2015 at 08:42 PM

DM

“ Your *PLUNKETT* family will never forget you! You brought nothing but happiness to our family and what a role model for our two sons, Doug Jr & Daniel. "Always the gentleman" and what a life, from MN farm country to Air Force service, AT&T/Northwest Bell, commercial pilot, investor, and photographer. And, best of all, you were a loving Uncle, nothing missing the major events in our lives. We were truly blessed having you Uncle Bill!

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**Doug & Kathy McBroom** - January 11, 2015 at 04:50 PM

BE

“ Bill was a very kind gentle man, he will leave a large hole in many lives.

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**Bob and Kathy Eilers** - January 10, 2015 at 09:57 PM