



Willmar "Bill" Arneson

May 24, 1934 - January 7, 2016

Willmar "Bill" Arneson, age 81, of Spirit Lake, passed away on January 7, 2016, at Keelson Harbor Assisted Living in Spirit Lake. He was born on May 24, 1934, in Algona, Iowa, to Wilmar and Viola (Fry) Arneson.

Bill served his country in the United States Army from 1951 until 1953. He was united in marriage to Shirley Anderson on August 14, 1958, in Ceylon, Minnesota. Bill worked for Coca-Cola in Spirit Lake for over forty years.

Bill enjoyed spending his spare time fishing, collecting Coca-Cola memorabilia, watching Dr. Oz, word search puzzles and having coffee with his friends at the round table. He is especially remembered by giving little trinkets to his kids and grandchildren and his wave.

Bill gave up smoking in 1990, so he could enjoy life longer and that he did! He fought the battle and wanted to try anything possible without giving up, even with his disabilities. He fought to the end, something his family was very proud of him for.

Bill is survived by his wife, Shirley Arneson of Spirit Lake; daughter, Jill Droegmiller, and her husband, Brad of Milford; two sons, Steven Arneson, and his wife, Julie of Estherville, and Jay Arneson, and his wife, Tammie of Lake Park; daughter-in-law, Debbie Arneson of Redwood Estates, California; eight

grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents; son, Scott Arneson; great-granddaughter, Gracee Anne Kerr; and sister, Betty Lane.

A funeral service for 81 year Willmar "Bill" Arneson of Spirit Lake, will be held at 3:00 P.M. Sunday, January 10, 2016, at the United Methodist Church in Spirit Lake. Visitation will be held Sunday, from 2:00 P.M. until 3:00 P.M. at the church.

The Schuchert-Lentz Funeral Home is in charge of the arrangements.

Tribute Wall

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“ *Hadn't seen Bill for years but I surely remember him as a very nice man. My thoughts and prayers are with his family.*

Bev Wittler - January 12, 2016 at 12:04 PM

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“ *Willmar "Bill" Arneson*

Bev Wittler - January 12, 2016 at 12:02 PM

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“ *Shirley, Steve, Jay, Jill and family, Sending my deepest sympathy for the loss of Bill. He was a wonderful husband, Dad, and Grandpa. I have many wonderful memories of Bill from years ago. His sense of humor still makes me smile. Prayers of strength, peace and healing.*

Jo Mula - January 09, 2016 at 11:38 AM