



## William 'Bill' A. Abood

May 31, 1950 - January 10, 2021

William 'Bill' E. Abood, age 70, of Kearney, passed away Sunday, January 10, 2021 at CHI Health Good Samaritan Hospital in Kearney. Memorial services will be at a later date. Memorials are suggested to the family to be designated later. Online condolences may be submitted by visiting [www.hlmkfuneral.com](http://www.hlmkfuneral.com). Horner Lieske McBride & Kuhl Funeral and Cremation Services in Kearney is in charge of arrangements.

William Amen Abood was born to Jeanetta and Tony Abood on May 31, 1950. He joined his older sisters, Marilyn and Margaret. He graduated from Kearney High School in May 1968, joined the army, and was in Viet Nam by July 1968. He served two tours in Viet Nam and one tour in Germany. In 1973, he married Sheila O'Shea. Their children are Willie (Kellie) Abood, Amber (Curtis) Taylor, Lindsay (Rob) Dolezal, Katherine (Chris) McClemens, and Judith (Josh) Geiselman. In 1988, he started Abood Construction. His word was truly his bond, and most business agreements were done with a handshake and his promise to do a great job. No one could ever out-work Bill Abood! He was honest, unselfish, and reliable. William was unfailingly generous - to the point of not always being wise. He gave away many things that later needed to be repurchased. He loved his family to bits. Nothing was too hard for him to accomplish for his wife and kids. And then - oh my gosh - came the seventeen grandkids! The man that put his five-year-old son behind the wheel of his pickup and told him to follow him home, could not be careful enough with his grandchildren. "Shake it off!" became "Are you hurt? Let's get

some ice on that and some ice cream, too.” In 2017, William had his third stroke - a big one. He astounded all the doctors by recovering so well - except that his right lung was never as strong and resilient. He got covid in December. William would want to tell everyone to be ready to meet Jesus. We had our tree put up and the gifts all wrapped underneath. But he never came home from the hospital. We are not promised how long we are here. William made his decision for Christ and met Jesus for the first time, in front of the coffee machine at Good Samaritan Hospital in December 1975. Years later, he stepped into the arms of Jesus at that very same hospital...by Grace alone, through Faith alone, in Christ alone.

Left to mourn his passing are his wife, Sheila, five children and their spouses, seventeen grandchildren, nieces and nephews, his beloved sister - Margaret Herrold, Judy Walker - his sister-in-law, and many, many friends. A Celebration of Life will be held at a later date.

# Tribute Wall



“ *William 'Bill' A. Abood*

January 29, 2023 at 11:14 AM



“ *Linda lit a candle in memory of William 'Bill' A. Abood*



Linda - April 05, 2022 at 12:47 PM



“ *Such a loss. A kind and gentle man. Prayers for those left behind. May you know God's comfort and peace.*  
*Carolyn R. Scheidies*



Carolyn R Scheidies - January 15, 2021 at 03:08 PM



“ *Bill, rest in peace. Go easy, I will always remember you for all the help on George's Auction. Good Friend, Good neighbor, Always had time to talk & visit. Thank You! Ken & Sherry Bramer*

Ken E Bramer - January 14, 2021 at 03:54 PM

DO

“ *Bill walked this earth as a man. A humble, hard working, and honest man! Now he walks with the Lord Jesus and all who have gone before him. I always loved his smile. Duane*

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**Duane Osnes** - January 12, 2021 at 09:23 AM

GA

“ *Sheila,*

*We are so sorry of hearing the passing of Bill. He had a heart of gold! Our Deerfield partnership was a great success, because of Bill. He informed me of the auction for Uncle Tony and thought the west parcel could be developed into acreages (he was right). It was the last two parcels to be auctioned. Attending the auction, I did not know that my one and only bid would buy the property, but all bidding stopped. I just entered the bid to increase the price for the family. Joyce was really surprised and a little concerned when she found out about the purchase and how that happened. It only made sense to have Bill join me in the Deerfield development with all his experience and connections. The Deerfield partnership worked out well with me looking after surveying of lots, getting approvals of planning commission, finances and closing of sales (and doing a little labor cleaning up fences and wood) and Bill handling the construction items, like building and maintaining roads, digging a lake, selling sand, etc. The Deerfield development was a real financial success. We looked at a few other tracts of land to develop, but were not successful in buying them.*

*Please let me know how we can be of assistance to you and Bill's families.*

*Blessings,  
Joyce and Gaylan Abood*

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**Gaylan Abood** - January 11, 2021 at 04:27 PM

KP

*Sheila and family,  
I'm so sorry to hear of your loss. My husband, Eugene, passed away on the 4th of January. They were both great men of God and will be forever with Him. I'll be praying for you and your family. Kaylene Pracht*

**Kaylene Pracht** - January 12, 2021 at 11:38 AM

TT

*I am sad to hear of Bill passing. I have never seen a man smile as hard and often as Bill. Hard work got Bill ahead in life. We need more like Bill. Drive that dozer up in the sky Bill.*

**Toby Tollefsen** - January 12, 2021 at 12:23 PM

DR

*What a great friend*

**Daniel Roeder** - January 14, 2021 at 12:26 AM

RP

*Lost for words but need to share a few. Bill will always be my hero on how to treat others and how to love people. Our coffee group at different locations with all the construction guys in business early mornings was blessed to have Bill with us. We were all shocked by the stories he had from the day before we would meet of how and what he did for others. He set the example of how to treat customers. We all were blessed to have known and to be a friend of Bill. Your smile melted everyone you were around. Job well done my friend. Robert Peterson*

**Robert Peterson** - January 14, 2021 at 08:26 AM

SF

*I will always remember your smile. When ever I saw you there was always the wave and smile even though we were both working at the time no time to talk but it still met alot*

**Sharon Frink** - January 14, 2021 at 10:41 AM