



William "Bill" R. Berryman

October 13, 1942 - April 24, 2018

William R. "Bill" Berryman, 75, died Tuesday, April 24, 2018 at his residence in Kearney.

Memorial services will be Saturday, April 28, 2018 at 9:30 a.m. at Horner Lieske McBride & Kuhl Funeral and Cremation Services in Kearney. Rev. Dean Pofahl will officiate. There will be no visitation. Memorials are suggested to Ft. Kearny Preservation, Restoration and Development Fund. Please visit www.hlmkfuneral.com to leave a message of condolence.

Bill was born October 13, 1942 in St. Louis, Missouri to Virgil and Geraldene (Carroll) Berryman. His family moved to Cozad in 1945 and he graduated from Cozad High School in 1961. He then graduated from the University of Nebraska at Lincoln.

After losing his first wife, Nancy Rasely, he met and married Karen Michael. They lived and started their family in Omaha. They moved to Kearney in 1980 and he opened the Dean Witter investment agency in Kearney which later became part of Morgan Stanley from which he retired.

Bill was an avid fisher and hunter and was committed to conserving Nebraska's natural resources. He was active in the Democratic Party and served as a member on the Nebraska Game and Parks Board. He was a member of the Rotary and Cosmos Clubs.

Surviving relatives include his wife Karen of Kearney; son, Michael Berryman and wife Gwendolynn and their children Applelynn and Broderick of Blair, NE; daughter Lisa Barnidge and husband Michael and their children Grady and Myles of St. Paul, MN; sisters, Janet Thompson of Santa Rosa, CA and Betty Rowe and husband Terry of Elwood, NE; brothers James Berryman and wife Phyllis of Memphis, TN and Richard Berryman of Seal Beach, CA.

In addition to his first wife he is preceded in death by a daughter, Amy Berryman.

Tribute Wall



“ William "Bill" R. Berryman

January 29, 2023 at 11:14 AM



“ Mary Granger Char&Dave Behling John&JonAnn Granger purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of William "Bill" R. Berryman.



Mary Granger Char&Dave Behling John&JonAnn Granger - April 27, 2018 at 07:54 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of William "Bill" R. Berryman.



April 27, 2018 at 07:29 PM

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“ Billy Bob was always a fun classmate in Kindergarten, then 7th-12th; when we were in Junior High and High School I returned to Central. I was sent to North Grade School after Kindergarten to the new school, because we lived in the country East of Newel...then known as the Callaway Road. When we were in Kindergarten there was no drainage ditch on the East side of Newel, so Billy Bob and Mark Whaley would come out to the farm on nice afternoons. Dad would come in the house and say that he could see two little guys coming across the alfalfa field. They would run a little ways, and then drop down in the alfalfa so we couldn't see them. I don't think they were coming to see me, but loved to come out and spend time on the farm. We could find lots to do, Dad would help them with things or show them how things were done, and Mother always had treats. Plus, I had an older brother, who was in Betty's class, who liked to have company as well.

Once in a while, I would play at the Mortuary after school with Billy Bob. We had to be more careful what rooms we entered. It was always fun and his Mother had nice treats, too.

Bill's great grandmother and my great grandmother were sisters. They were Hawley until they were married. My great grandmother was Mary Ellen Hawley Bartlett.

Kathleen Ogorsolka Nichols

Kathleen Ogorsolka Nichols - April 27, 2018 at 11:44 AM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of William "Bill" R. Berryman.



April 27, 2018 at 10:13 AM

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“ Bill helped me and Marilyn while we were in college at the University of Nebraska in 1965-1967. He was always there for me when I needed him. He was always kind to us. Our sincere sympathy to Karen and his children.

Larry and Marilyn Berryman, Kevin, WENDI, and Marci

Larry D Berryman - April 26, 2018 at 10:23 PM