



## William Dwight Downing

February 16, 1930 - February 13, 2016

William Dwight “Bill” Downing, 85, of Bloomfield, Iowa passed away February 13, 2016 at the Bloomfield Care Center. He was born February 16, 1930 west of Troy, Iowa to Irvin Dwight “Hap” and Beulah Vera Wilkinson Downing. He married Donna Barker on September 20, 1953 at the Bloomfield Christian Church. Donna passed away January 2, 2015. The couple lived on a farm northwest of Troy, Iowa for 48 years, where they raised three children. Bill loved working on the farm, raising livestock and crops. Every Spring he looked forward to the smell of earth being turned over during planting. Aside from farming, he also worked at Chain and Cable in Fairfield for 17 years. He enjoyed spending winters with his wife in Donna, Texas, camping in their RV. Other interests included boating, traveling, moving dirt around in his bulldozer, and his two dogs, Bear and Katie. Above everything else was his love for his wife, children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren.

Bill served in the United States Army during the Korean War. He was proud to serve his country and years later would start the Troy Avenue of Flags at the Troy Cemetery to honor his fellow veterans. He spent countless hours putting out flags, taking them down, and maintaining them in between times of display.

He is survived by his two daughters, Kris (Bob) Hougland, Lori (Mike) Lawson both of Bloomfield; son, Don (Denise) Downing of Ottumwa; eight grandchildren, Jason (Melissa) Hougland, Jessica Hougland, Troy (Katie) Downing, Karie Downing, Alison Downing, Erin (Matt) Gorman, Cody Sickels, Shalayla Sickels; five great-grandchildren, Chase and Alexis Hougland, Justyn Hale, Chloe and Ethan Umphress; and his brother, Richard (Sara) Downing of Hannibal, Missouri.

He was preceded in death by his parents and wife.

Visitation will begin at 9:00 a.m. on Wednesday, February 17, 2016 at the Wagler Funeral Home in Bloomfield. Military rites will be performed by Reed-Whisler Post #78 of the American Legion at the funeral home at 5:00 p.m. on Wednesday with family visitation following until 7:00 p.m. Cremation will follow the visitation and burial of the cremated

remains will be at a later date at the Troy Cemetery. Memorials have been established to the Troy Avenue of Flags and Good Samaritan Hospice.

# Events

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**FEB** **Visitation** 09:00AM - 07:00PM

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Wagler Funeral Home

304 West Jefferson Street, Bloomfield, IA, US, 52537

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# Comments

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“ A tribute video has been added.



**Wagler Funeral Home** - February 14, 2016 at 02:19 PM

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“ Donnie and Family, So sorry to hear of the loss of your Father. He and my Dad spent many days working at the same factory and riding back and forth together on the commute. I remember him fondly. Our prayers are with your family.

Larry and Lory Chaplin

**Larry Chaplin** - February 16, 2016 at 11:01 AM

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“ Floor Plant for Sympathy was purchased for the family of William Dwight Downing.



February 16, 2016 at 08:46 AM

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“ Dave and I are so very sorry for your loss. While we never had the pleasure of meeting Grandpa Downing, we have loved hearing stories Erin has shared with us about him. Please know we are thinking of you and hold you closely in love, thoughts and prayers.

Dave and Terry

**Dave and Terry Gorman** - February 15, 2016 at 07:42 PM

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“ Don,  
We are very sorry to hear of the loss of your father.  
Dave and Judy MacKenzie

**Dave MacKenzie** - February 15, 2016 at 07:19 PM

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“ DONNA DAUGHERTY lit a candle in memory of William Dwight Downing



**DONNA DAUGHERTY** - February 15, 2016 at 04:45 PM

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“ I have fond memories of ur Dad during my time in Iowa. I'm sorry to hear this, Kris and Don.



**Mary Ann** - February 15, 2016 at 12:47 PM

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“ I have many fond memories of Bill. He was a very kind man to many people. I always liked to hear his laugh. As I got older and worked at ACCO, he watched out for me. I am sorry for your family's loss.

**Pam Mier** - February 15, 2016 at 11:24 AM

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“ My deepest sympathy to Donnie, Kris & Lori and families, Harvey and I had many good times with your folks. Bill was a wonderful person. God bless and be near to you all in the difficult days ahead. love and prayers, Marilyn Downing

**Marilyn Downing** - February 15, 2016 at 10:47 AM



“ Debora Moore lit a candle in memory of William Dwight Downing



**Debora Moore** - February 15, 2016 at 09:58 AM

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“ Bill was one nicest men we have ever met. He would do anything to help you out. He was a great man. We were very glad to know him. So sorry for your loss...  
Debi, Doyle, & Mandi Moore

**Debora Moore** - February 15, 2016 at 09:57 AM

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“ I had many good memories of Bill on the farm in Troy. Bill will be missed by so many. I had a lot of good laughs with Bill and Donna. I loved them both. My heart goes out to Lori, Don & Kris and all the grandchildren including my own kids Cody & Shalayla. Also condolence to Uncle Richard & Aunt Sarah. The memories of Bill & Donna will never be forgotten as they are a valued treasure to have known them both. God be with the family til we all meet again in a better place.

**Murl Sickels** - February 15, 2016 at 09:54 AM