



Bill Luko

October 2, 1964 - May 11, 2020

Billy Lee Luko, 55, of rural Bloomfield, Iowa passed away on May 11, 2020 at his home. He was born October 2, 1964 in Bloomfield to Russell Dwayne and Shirley Ann Klicker Luko. He married Jennifer Vasquez on July 12, 2012 in Bloomfield.

Bill worked as a district mechanic for the Iowa Department of Transportation for over 30 years and worked at Brothers Market (Formerly Keith's Foods) for two years. He also farmed and raised cattle, co-owned Jefferson County Area Ambulance for ten years, and was a reserve police officer while living in Jefferson County and Clinton County. He was a very social person, never knew a stranger and liked staying busy. While not working, he loved fishing, cooking, and spending time with his family and his little dog, Bailey.

He is survived by his wife, Jennifer Luko; two daughters, Amanda (Gavin) Hammes of Fairfield, Iowa, Kelsey Luko of Packwood, Iowa; three step-children, Alexander, Julia, Aschelinn Brown; four grandchildren, Avrie Hammes, Liylah, Jonah, Maliah Luko; mother, Shirley Luko of Mt. Pleasant, Iowa; and two sisters, Brenda (Danny) Bartlett of Springfield, Missouri, Gina Rocks of Mt. Pleasant.

He was preceded in death by his father.

Due to Covid-19 restrictions, a private funeral will be held at the Wagler Funeral Home in Bloomfield with Gary Brooks officiating. Cremation will follow the service. A rolling visitation without the presence of the family will be held from 12-6:00 p.m. on Tuesday, May 19, 2020 at the funeral home. Visitation will be limited to ten people within the funeral home at one time. A memorial has been established to his family.

Previous Events

Rolling Visitation with Social Distancing

MAY 19. 12:00 AM - 6:00 PM (CT)

Wagler Funeral Home
304 West Jefferson Street
Bloomfield, IA 52537
(641) 664-3421
<https://www.waglerfuneralhome.com/>

Tribute Wall



“ *Bill Luko*

January 28, 2023 at 10:57 AM



“ *My heart goes out to my daughters Amanda and Kelsey, to Shirley, Gina, Brenda and families. To Wendell and Wava and families. A lost unexpected. Too young and many more things in life to do and experience. The loss that his grandchildren will have. They will miss out on those experiences of going fishing or riding a tractor now with Pappa Bill or hearing his stories about growing up on the farm. A lot will miss you .. Wu*

Lisa Luko - May 19, 2020 at 12:11 AM



My heart and prayers go out to you all, Lisa Amanda Kelsey, & the grandkids...Richland yrs would nt have been the same with out knowing you all ..Time goes by to fast..& yes a shock & loss to us all, We will all miss you , Your caring touched so many lives you will always be rembered!!!!

MichelleIWeber Shae Sheena & S - May 19, 2020 at 11:17 AM



My thoughts and prayers are with Bill's family, friends and co-workers. I'm grateful for the memories as kids on the Luko acreage - memories I'll cherish. Heaven gained a good and faithful servant. So long for now old friend...

Jeff Graber - May 20, 2020 at 07:54 AM

LL

“ *Lisa Luko lit a candle in memory of Bill Luko*



Lisa Luko - May 19, 2020 at 12:02 AM

JN

“ *I have such fond memories of playing with Billy and Brenda at Grandma Wilburn's farm. We would all try to catch wild kittens, pick lilacs, and drink that good, cold water straight from the pump. I am so sorry, Shirley. Much love to you and your family. May your memories bring you some peace and comfort.*

Julie Neff - May 17, 2020 at 04:51 PM

PM

So sad to hear of Billy's death. I remember all the Luko's & had fun with you all when I was married to Billy's uncle Max.

pamela mcallister - May 17, 2020 at 05:09 PM

GV

“ *I have so many great memories of Bill, the greatest of all is how he loved my daughter and took care of my grandchildren! R.I.P. Bill*

Geneva Vasquez - May 16, 2020 at 12:53 PM

DR

“ Unbelievable young age to lose Bill, a sad loss for all!

I remember back to his cow herd days, at a Ritchie farm northwest of Fairfield. He was always interested in how to feed them right, and usually called ahead to be sure he'd get exactly what he wanted and when he would be in, or when we should deliver. Also recall Amanda packing tons of bags on that white Chevy pickup, so calves would have their nutrition!

Later was proud to see he & Ray shoulder the huge responsibility of running an ambulance service for Jefferson County, over several years, something even today we have difficulty finding responsible teams for.

Dave, Reiff Grain, Fairfield

dave reiff - May 16, 2020 at 10:23 AM

JL

His funeral is Wednesday at 10:30, it's limited but I'd like you to be there. My # is 641-919-6398

Jen Luko - May 17, 2020 at 09:26 PM

RA

“ We were So saddened to hear this. We worked with Bill doing work for him and the Iowa DOT. What a great man, worked with him just a short time but felt we had become great friends in such a short time. Prayers for all the family members at this difficult time. God bless.
Randy Amosson and the RPM Revival crew.



Randy Amosson - May 16, 2020 at 08:48 AM

RV

“ Roger And Karen Vorhies lit a candle in memory of Bill Luko



Roger and Karen Vorhies - May 15, 2020 at 09:28 PM

TC

“ Shirley - My sincere condolences on the loss of Bill. May your faith comfort you at this time. God bless.



Trina Cookson - May 14, 2020 at 02:23 PM

SB

“ Jennifer and family, I am deeply saddened about the passing of Bill. I worked very closely with him at the DOT in Ames. He always had a smile and was always bringing us something to try that he had baked. I retired a couple of years ago and he was one of the people I missed. My heartfelt sympathy goes to you and your family.

Sue Brekke - May 14, 2020 at 10:37 AM

JL

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Jen Luko - May 17, 2020 at 09:25 PM

SA

“ Sorry to hear of your loss. I remember Bill from working at the Iowa DOT on some of our winter research projects or helping out with reporting systems. The attention to detail on one of the projects that our committee was working on. Another memory I can recall was him talking about his dogs. He was a very nice person.

sheri anderson - May 13, 2020 at 07:03 PM

JM

“ Our family has so many memories of Bill working our quad races with the ambulance crew. So much fun and so many laughs. Prayers for the family.

Juanita Martin - May 13, 2020 at 06:23 PM



“ Worked with Bill at the DOT. He was one of the trainers at the New Employee Training Academy we had. Bill was a joy to be around and was very surprised to find out we were born on the same day, just 10 years apart. RIP Bill and keep helping those mechanics upstairs.

Jim Dowd - May 13, 2020 at 05:38 PM

RK

“ Heaven welcomed a great guy!



Randy and Namcy Kuhl - May 13, 2020 at 05:11 PM

JR

“ Jen, I've never seen you happier then when you were with Bill! He was such a special person! Much love to you and kids! My thoughts are with All of the family!

Jody Rupe

Jody Rupe - May 13, 2020 at 12:20 PM

CS

“ I first met Bill when he became a District Mechanic at the DOT...we became friends right away. I always called him Little Billy Luko and he called me lty-Bity. I am just heartbroken over his passing. My deepest sympathies to his family.

Cheryll Schell - May 13, 2020 at 10:59 AM

JL

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Jen Luko - May 17, 2020 at 09:24 PM

JR

“ Bill was never to busy to help and was always willing to share his experience. Top notch guy, thoughts to the family.

RIP buddy.

Jamie Razor - May 13, 2020 at 09:57 AM

JC

“ Bill was a great guy. R.I.P. Bill. Will miss working with you. Prayers for your family.

Joe Clawson

Joe Clawson - May 13, 2020 at 09:44 AM

MD

“ My deepest sympathy in your great loss. May God's comforting love bring you peace and strength in this difficult time. You are in my prayers, Mariyn Downing

Marilyn Downing - May 13, 2020 at 08:54 AM

TO

“ Bill was always willing to share his knowledge and expertise. He taught the mechanics around the State the operating principles and practical knowledge of truck air brakes. He always had a great laugh and good sense of humor.
Bill will be missed by all who knew him. Rest in peace, Bill

Tim OBrien - May 13, 2020 at 08:50 AM

JL

His funeral is Wednesday at 10:30, it's limited but I'd like you to be there. He spoke of you often.

Jen Luko - May 17, 2020 at 09:27 PM

BG

“ Thank you for your service as an Emt.. you were there for my family in are time of need..

rest in peace my friend

bridget griffin - May 13, 2020 at 08:13 AM

MM

“ I am deeply saddened by hearing of the loss of a great man. Thanks for the memories, support and help that lam forever grateful. You will be deeply missed.

Moe Mohamed - May 13, 2020 at 08:04 AM

LS

“ We are so sorry to hear this! May our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ bring you comfort and peace in the loss of your loved one. We will miss your great smile and friendly wave as our good neighbor. Rest in peace Billy.

Darrell and Leona Swope

Leona Swope - May 13, 2020 at 07:30 AM

LS

“ Bill will be truly missed by his family and the Iowa DOT. I also worked with Bill for many years at the DOT. Bill was a person I would consider a true friend.

Our prayers go out to his family and host of friends.

Larry Shriver

Larry Shriver - May 13, 2020 at 07:27 AM

ML

“ I worked with Bill on the ambulance. He used to bring breaded catfish bites whenever we worked rodeo standbys and would make sure I took the leftovers home. He was a great guy and will be missed.

Mike Lang - May 13, 2020 at 07:26 AM

JL

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Jen Luko - May 17, 2020 at 09:28 PM

LW

“ Sorry to hear about his passing. I worked with Bill for many years at the DOT, going to be a big void without him around. Sure going to miss him and his great stories. R.I.P Bill, thoughts and prayers for the family.

Larry Williams

Larry Williams - May 13, 2020 at 01:37 AM

LA

“ Bill was one of the only people at Kieth's that looked forward to seeing me. Not only that, but he made work fun for me even on the hard days. He would always wait in the parking lot until everyone had left on closing shifts just to make sure we all left okay. His baking was the best, even though he always made me try the stuff I never thought I would. He had daily jokes, and always had something to say. I'm thankful I was able to meet him and have him a part of my life. I will forever miss him and remember him for the hard working man he was.



Laney - May 13, 2020 at 12:18 AM

KN

“ Worked with Bill for many years at Iowa DOT. He was a nice guy and will be missed by all. Sending sympathy to his family and I was very shocked when I heard the news.

Karen Noble - May 12, 2020 at 11:54 PM

JD

“ Hugs and heartfelt prayers to Amanda and Kelsey. I will always treasure the memories of when you both were younger and we used to come to your house for visiting, food and fun! Your Dad always had a big smile and had a wonderful sense of humor. Love you both.

Jenny Dille (formerly Francisco)

Jennifer Dille - May 12, 2020 at 11:11 PM

DL

“ Bill was truly a great guy. He was so friendly & kind. He always had a smile & loved sharing treats he'd made when he came to work. He'd always say "I tried something new...." and wait for your opinion on how it tasted... which was always amazing. We shared many laughs. He'll be greatly missed by many. Thoughts & prayers for his family.



Deb LaRue - May 12, 2020 at 08:40 PM

VO

So sorry for your loss. We always enjoy seeing Bill when he came into the store. Always a big smile and nice guy with a great personality! Loved the treats he would bring in. Got a few of his great recipes! Keeping you all in prayer during this difficult time. Friends from Route 63 QuikStop

Vickie Ornduff - May 12, 2020 at 10:08 PM

SM

“ I remember him as Billy Luko. His folks and my folks were close and he was a neat guy and he will be missed. Sending thoughts and prayers to his family... 🙏🙏🙏❤️❤️❤️🌹🌹🌹

Shawna McMMain - May 12, 2020 at 08:25 PM

SW

Do sorry for your loss. Bill was a great guy. Will truly be missed.

sheryl wilcox - May 12, 2020 at 11:30 PM

TS

Thoughts and prayers to family and friends. After my Dad passed Tony Sebben, he stopped and visited with my mom Georgie. She talked about that for days. So very sorry. 🙏❤️

Tess Sebben - May 13, 2020 at 07:28 AM

CF

“ *So sorry to read of Bill's passing, just a great guy to work with us in the ER @ JCH. Had a great personality , heartfelt sympathy to his wife & family. God bless you all 😭*

Carolyn Fye - May 12, 2020 at 08:23 PM

DD

“ *Bill was a very good guy. He was always so great at keeping our MVE vehicles performing well. So sorry to hear of his passing, Praying for peace for all of the family,*

Dave Drummond - May 12, 2020 at 08:14 PM

JD

“ *So sorry to see this, Bill was a super guy and will definitely be missed by all !!*

Jaylene Doud - May 12, 2020 at 08:13 PM

DS

“ *Sorry to hear Bill passed. We grew up together fishing , hunting and running around. He was a good person that many will miss.*

David Smith - May 12, 2020 at 08:01 PM

KM

“ He will be missed. Prayers to the family. Bill was always a fun guy with a big smile. He did a good job no matter what he was doing. R.I.P Bill.

Kris Metcalf

kris metcalf - May 12, 2020 at 07:44 PM

RP

“ Bill always greeted me with a smile and warm hello. He will be missed greatly.

Ron Peiffer - May 12, 2020 at 07:36 PM

JN

“ He will be dearly missed throughout the DOT

Joe Nelson - May 12, 2020 at 07:28 PM

TC

“ Sending you my love and prayers, may you find peace in the wonderful memories you have of Bill.

teressa cook - May 12, 2020 at 07:19 PM

BC

“ I worked with Bill a lot of years at the DOT. Nice guy. Way too young. He will be missed. Prayers to the family.

Bonnie Clancy - May 12, 2020 at 07:12 PM

DR

“ Our sincere sympathy to Bill's family. Your cousin and family, Dale and Doris Randolph

Doris Randolph - May 12, 2020 at 07:08 PM

RS

“ Truly a great guy. Worked with him when he was a reserve officer and when he owned the ambulance service. Rest In Peace Bill. Prayers to his family.



Rusty Simpson - May 12, 2020 at 07:07 PM

VM

“ Veronica Marshall lit a candle in memory of Bill Luko



Veronica Marshall - May 12, 2020 at 06:55 PM

VM

Bill will be very missed by many people he had a heart bigger than him he was always full of good advice and let everyone know how much he loved his wife he was very generous and always fixing things in meat department always making things better for our work environment and he was always bringing treats I could write a book about all the good things about my dear friend left us too soon RIP bill

Veronica Marshall - May 12, 2020 at 07:00 PM

ME

“ My Deepest Condolences 🙏 My heart & prayers are with you & family throughout this time of sorrow. Rest in Peace ❤️ We Love you Amanda, Kelsey



Michelle Ennis - May 12, 2020 at 06:42 PM

TR

“ Tammy Robinson lit a candle in memory of Bill Luko



Tammy Robinson - May 12, 2020 at 06:34 PM

SW

“ Praying for the family.



Sarah Withrow - May 12, 2020 at 06:05 PM

LH

“ Bill was my partner on the ambulance at Jefferson Co Ambulance for many years which he was a co owner Bill never knew a stranger and cared about everyone he meet. I have so many great memories of Bill and will never forget our time working together. He truly was a great man and will be missed by everyone who ever meant him.

Larry Huffman - May 12, 2020 at 06:03 PM

PE

Bill you will be missed. Enjoyed the candy and baked goods you shared at LSB. Always friendly!

Pam Elmore - May 12, 2020 at 06:41 PM

JM

Bill was always a great person and always had that big smile on his face. Always was up for a little good conversation about anything. Bill you will definitely be missed. RIP my friend!

jon mason - May 12, 2020 at 07:42 PM

SE

“ *Stephanie Ellis lit a candle in memory of Bill Luko*



Stephanie Ellis - May 12, 2020 at 05:58 PM

CW

Billy and I were school friends and spending time fishing, trapping, camping and generally messing around the countryside. Later in life we got reacquainted thru our careers at IDOT. As commented Billy always had time to say Hello. Prayers for peace for All of his family. Billy was a good guy.

Chad White - May 13, 2020 at 08:05 AM