



## William "Bill" Augspurgen

March 20, 1933 - January 13, 2021

William (Bill) Harold Augspurgen, the son of Harold and Bonita (Blasi) Augspurgen was born March 20, 1933 in rural Pulaski, Iowa, where he grew up with sisters Bonnie and Virginia. He entered Heaven on January 13, 2021, from complications of Lewy Body Disease.

Bill attended local schools in the Pulaski area and graduated from Pulaski High School in 1951. He served in the Air Force, stationed in Chandler, AZ from 1952 to 1956. It was here that Bill met his first love, Jean Maynes, a young woman from Bennington, Vermont, and their adventure began. Returning to Iowa, Bill and Jean settled on the family farm and then moved to the house that Bill built in Bloomfield and created a wonderful life for themselves: they sailed, traveled, entertained, made friends, read, enjoyed University of Iowa sports, and raised their children.

After the untimely death of his first wife, Jean, Bill found love again with JoAnn Alderton who he married March 20 of 1992. Together they created a new adventure and embraced their love for genealogy, sailing, gardening, traveling, and family. They would often take off to explore graveyards and visit relatives, traveling all over the U.S., Canada and even Germany.

Along with farming Bill was employed as a field appraiser for the Davis County Assessors' office. He had an artistic and creative soul and there was nothing he couldn't learn to do, build, or repair. Bill didn't just dabble, he studied and learned, and applied his skills. He built sailboats, sourcing lumber locally and drying it in his home and melted lead over the kitchen stove for the keel. He used his artisan talents to build guitars and furniture, construct a house, heat a pool using solar energy, and took up pottery, building a kiln and wheel. He could restore a wrecked car one week and be baking bread or making wine the next from his home-grown grape vines. Blessed with a green thumb, his garden was his pride and joy where he enjoyed his nurturing talents. Bill was always learning and succeeded at anything he set out to do. Bill's interests were as varied as his skills, he enjoyed painting, sailing, traveling, had a passion for genealogy, reading, photography,

cooking, dancing, and music. He was truly a renaissance man of few words and many talents.

Bill belonged to the American Legion, Masonic Lodge, Bloomfield Methodist Church, Ottumwa Civil War Roundtable, Lions, Rathbun Yacht Club (Served as Commodore), and Bloomfield City Council

A quiet and gentle man, Bill had a twinkle in his eye and a wonderful sense of humor, and he will be greatly missed by his wife, JoAnn, his children and their families, Kip (Jane) Augspurger, Morgan (Kyle), Tom (Allison), Meredith (Matt); Kim (Pat) Mescher, Bill, Danielle (Fiancé Chris); Steve (Julie) Augspurger, Claire, Katie; Dave (Monica) Augspurger, Will, Nate; step-children David Alderton, Skyler (Adam); Brian (Billy Jo) Alderton, Zach (Kayla), Briana (Lawson); and 11 great grandchildren, his sisters Virginia Berryman and Bonnie (Darrel) Payne and numerous nieces and nephews.

Bill was preceded in death by his parents, his wife Jean, infant daughter Katherine and his brother-in-law Donnel Berryman.

The family would like to acknowledge the care, support and guidance provided by Home Instead and Hospice. Memorials can be made to the Pulaski Mennonite Church, the Bloomfield Library/Genealogy, and the Bloomfield Methodist Church.

A private family funeral will be at 2:00 p.m. on Sunday, January 17, 2021 at the Pulaski Mennonite Church with Pastor Ron Wenger officiating. The funeral will be live streamed on the Wagler Funeral Home Facebook page. Burial with military rites performed by Reed-Whisler Post #78 of the American Legion will be at the Pulaski Cemetery. A viewing without the presence of family will be from 1-1:30 p.m. on Sunday at the Church. A mask is required for all services.

# Cemetery Details

## Pulaski Cemetery

Pulaski, IA 52584

# Previous Events

## Viewing

JAN 17. 1:00 PM - 1:30 PM (CT)

Pulaski Mennonite Church  
24801 Scarlet Ave  
Bloomfield, IA 52537

## PRIVATE SERVICE

JAN 17. 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM (CT)

Pulaski Mennonite Church  
24801 Scarlet Ave  
Bloomfield, IA 52537

# Tribute Wall



“ *William "Bill" Augspurger*

January 28, 2023 at 10:57 AM



“ *Joann -- So sorry to hear this news. Mary and I offer our deep felt thoughts and prayers to you and your family.*

*Bill, was a wonderful supporter of your work. Remember visiting with him whenever we were together. Such a terrific wit and smile. Treasure the special memories!*

*Much love, Mary and Chuck Morris*

**John Morris** - January 22, 2021 at 12:44 PM



*Chuck and Mary, thank you for your warm thoughts. Your words wrap around me and bring so many good thoughts and special times.*

*Thanks so very much for your support, memories and love.*

*JoAnn*

**JOAnn Augspurger** - February 21, 2021 at 03:02 AM



“ *Kip and Kim, Mary and I express our deepest condolences on the passing of your father. Knowing the two of you, we know for a fact he was a wonderful human being.*

*He lived a full life and had an exceptional family. We will keep all of you in our prayers.*

*Please pass along our sympathies to the rest of the family.*

*The sorrow which you feel will soon be replaced by the many happy memories you shared together.*

*God bless.*

*Mary and Suku Radia*

**Suku Radia** - January 21, 2021 at 07:37 PM

MA

“ JoAnn, My deepest sympathy to you and your family. I so enjoyed working with Bill. And was always inspired by the tender care you gave him. Take care of yourself now. Margaret Cavanagh

Margaret - January 21, 2021 at 07:14 PM

LF

“ I didn't personally know him or the family he raised except through his grandkids and the friendship extended between our children. Based upon being his son's neighbor, my experience tells me the apple doesn't fall far from the tree. Bill must have been an absolutely wonderful soul who kept busy tinkering in application of his many skills & talents in pursuit of his interests. He and Joann loving opened their home to guests in being exceptionally patient and thoughtful hosts of activities throughout the years. It is with deep sympathy that I offer my condolences to his widow and the whole family he leaves behind. May you bask in the pleasure of the memories you fondly hold close to your heart, and May God continue to comfort and bless you all with health and joy.

~Ms. Lori Feistner and family

Lori Feistner - January 21, 2021 at 12:00 PM

GS

“ A great deal of my first 20 yrs were spent on Deborah Dr w/ the Augspurges. My most cherished memories were pulling around the corner & seeing the gigantic sailboat Bill was working on. He always had a smiling face every time I came & went. I learned to love Bill's crepe's he made for breakfast (now make them for my own family). Watched HBO come on the air, learned to love music in his basement, tailgating on the hill behind Melrose Market on Fall Saturdays. pool parties as a teenager. Bill & Jean were always great hosts. Bill was always positive, patient & had a smile on his face at all times. And I've never witnessed anyone more skilled at so many things in all of my life. From his kiln out back, helping my best friend & son Dave w/ his car projects & of course the sailboat he worked on I think my entire childhood! When I get to heaven, I fully expect to see Bill working on that boat w/ a big smile on his face! So many great memories. You raised a great family & have so much to be proud of. God bless the Augspurges family. Cherish your great memories. My prayers are with you. - Greg Schooley

Greg Schooley - January 21, 2021 at 09:33 AM



Thank you for this, Greg. You were a huge part of my childhood and I cherish those memories and think of you and those great times often. I hope we get a chance to catch up one of these days, God bless you and your family.

Dave Augspurger - January 22, 2021 at 01:04 PM

PS

“ My sympathy to you, JoAnn, and to Bill's family. I remember him as a kind and gentle man. You've been a blessing to him. Take care of yourself - Patty Steiner

Patty Steiner - January 18, 2021 at 08:01 PM

DS

“ I said a prayer to my father today. I asked him to look for a kind gentle quiet man with an infectious smile named Bill who just recently arrived. I asked my father to help him find the Hawkeye fan section in heaven. Heaven's gain is our great loss, but we thank him for leaving us his great family that we love so much.

D. Brian Scieszinski - January 17, 2021 at 04:18 PM

DM

“ Bill was a great friend and neighbor. We have many great memories of Bill helping with our landscaping project, New Year's Eve parties and church projects. He was always willing to help and did it all with a smile. We will miss him so much.

DiAnna and Garry Meredith

DiAnna Meredith - January 16, 2021 at 09:02 PM

LH

“ JoAnn-Keeping you and your family in our prayers! Such a loss for all of you.  
Linda Holmquist and Norm Klocke

Linda Holmquist - January 16, 2021 at 06:11 PM

Kim Augspurger Mescher

“ 14 files added to the album Photos of Bill



Kim Augspurger Mescher - January 16, 2021 at 05:07 PM

HH

“ Dearest Jo-Ann and Family,

*You are within our thoughts today as we remember Bill. I am honoured say that I had the privilege of knowing him. Sending to you our deepest condolences.*

*Most Sincerely,  
Herbert Holly  
Hofolding, Germany*

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**Herbert Holly** - January 16, 2021 at 01:16 PM

NT

“ Jo-Ann and family,  
*may the many beautiful memories  
you shared with Bill and the welcoming spaces you created together-  
especially your home and garden;  
bring you comfort in the days ahead!*

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**Nancy Teubel** - January 16, 2021 at 01:04 AM

MP

“ On behalf of the entire Augspurger family Bill helped build, thank you for the memories, Grandpa. Love and miss you and know you're watching over us.



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**Meredith (Augspurger) Pierick** - January 15, 2021 at 08:51 PM

DK

“ JoAnn,

*We are so sorry for your loss. You are in our prayers. What great memories you have of Bill.*

*God Bless You!*

*Dan & Jane Klopfer*

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**Danny J & Jane S Klopfer** - January 15, 2021 at 03:23 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of William "Bill" Augspurger.*



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January 15, 2021 at 03:10 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of William "Bill" Augspurger.*



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January 15, 2021 at 01:18 PM

LS

“ *Wow, JoAnn, he was a man of many talents. You were blessed to have him as a husband and father to your children. Many memories to keep and cherish.*

*Leona Tague Stice*

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**Leona V Stice** - January 15, 2021 at 12:20 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of William "Bill" Augspurger.*



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January 15, 2021 at 10:55 AM

LR

“ *Hi thier to the family of Bill's my prayers and sympathy and thoughts are with you all kim and kip and David I remember good times we have in the neighbor those were the good time lynn*

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**Lynn roberts** - January 15, 2021 at 10:53 AM

LR

“ Lynn Roberts lit a candle in memory of William "Bill" Augspurger



Lynn roberts - January 15, 2021 at 10:48 AM

SB

“ We are sorry to hear of Bill's passing. He was a great neighbor over the many years we lived in Bloomfield. So many memories of time spent with Bill and Jean and then later with JoAnn. He was a special guy! Our condolences to all of his family. Steve and Sue Bender

Stephen T Bender - January 15, 2021 at 09:46 AM

KI

“ 22 files added to the album Photos of Bill



Kim - January 15, 2021 at 09:29 AM

SH

“ Susan Houglund lit a candle in memory of William "Bill" Augspurger



Susan Houglund - January 15, 2021 at 09:17 AM

GS

“ Georgia Stevens lit a candle in memory of William "Bill" Augspurger



Georgia Stevens - January 15, 2021 at 03:03 AM



“ Serene Reflections Bouquet was purchased for the family of William "Bill" Augspurger.



January 14, 2021 at 08:49 PM

KH

“ My deepest sympathy to everyone of you. Your Dad was the epitomy of warmth, talent and family man. Your memories are many I'm sure and I pray they bring you all comfort and peace. Kathy Hartwick

Kathy Hartwick - January 14, 2021 at 07:18 PM

LR

“ Hi thier to the family of Bill's I remember the memories we have in the nighbor my prayers and sympathy to you joan and the kids lynn Robert's

Lynn roberts - January 14, 2021 at 07:04 PM

LR

“ Lynn Roberts lit a candle in memory of William "Bill" Augspurger



Lynn roberts - January 14, 2021 at 07:01 PM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of William "Bill" Augspurger.*



January 14, 2021 at 06:40 PM



“ *Bill or Wilhelm, as my dad always called him, was a dear friend of my parents. I recall many stories of their fun times together. I'm happy to say I still have a beautiful set of salad bowls that he made for our family. Mom cherished them as do I. Hold tight to each other and your wonderful memories..... sending hugs Deb (Hockersmith) Smith*

**Deb Smith** - January 14, 2021 at 06:28 PM



“ *Bill was a wonderful man and had that twinkle in his eye!! Thinking and praying for you JoAnn and family*

*Lana Minnick*

**Lana Minnck** - January 14, 2021 at 05:15 PM



“ *Mark Holt lit a candle in memory of William "Bill" Augspurger*



**Mark Holt** - January 14, 2021 at 05:05 PM