



William "Bill" Huggins

December 9, 1935 - April 26, 2021

William Richard Huggins, 85, of Atkins, Iowa passed away on April 26, 2021 at the Iowa Methodist Hospital in Des Moines.

Bill led an incredibly full life. A loving husband, wise father, loyal brother, and proud grandfather, Bill was a wonderful storyteller. Whether it was sitting among family and friends or fishing with anyone willing to join along, his keen mind and quick wit entertained multiple generations.

An Army veteran, he served his country in Germany and Austria from 1954 to 1956, which was an unforgettable experience. Bill often shared memories about his overseas adventures.

Bill was a member of the American Legion and VFW Post 788 in Cedar Rapids. He was an active VFW member, where he enjoyed relaxing, attending events, and watching Hawkeye games.

Family was everything to Bill. He placed his loved ones at the center of his world. Bill and Janice taught this core value to their children and grandchildren. They traveled to countless athletic and school events, always cheering from the sidelines, stands or auditoriums.

Professionally, Bill was a successful leader and valued employee. He started his career at Collins Radio in Cedar Rapids working in the tool and die division. Bill held several positions during his 27 years of employment culminating as head of the Purchasing Department. His career then took Bill and Janice to Indiana, Alabama, and Illinois. He retired in 2004 from Richardson Electronics in La Fox, Illinois, where he served as the head of Engineering. Bill and Jan returned to Iowa in 2005 to be closer to family.

Born on December 9, 1935 to Floyd and Golda Huggins in Bloomfield, Iowa, Bill graduated from Bloomfield High School in 1954. He married his high school sweetheart, Janice Rudd, in 1957.

Bill is survived by his wife of 64 years, Janice; three sons, Steve (Cate), Craig (Joan), and Jeff (Catherine); four grandchildren, Nick (Jenny), Zach, Anna, and Luke; siblings, Oma Munn, Rose (Rusty) Grinstead, Dwight (Jacquie) Huggins, Ron (Pat) Huggins, Harold Huggins, Max (Tonya) Huggins, Gary Joe (Pam) Huggins, Stan (Deb) Huggins; a step-granddaughter; three step-great-grandchildren; a step great-great-grandson; four sisters-in-law, Judy (Jim) Matheney, Donna Jean (Don) Treharne, Joy Iacono, Marietta Huggins; and dozens of nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents; in-laws, Forrest and Hazel Rudd; three brothers, Eugene "Smoke," Jim, Tom; brother-in-law, Jim Munn; and two sisters-in-law, Marlene Huggins and Betty Huggins.

Funeral services will be held at 1:00 p.m. on Saturday, May 1, 2021 at the Wagler Funeral Home in Bloomfield with Pastor Jon Klaus officiating. Burial with graveside military rites performed by Reed-Whisler Post #78 of the American Legion will be at the IOOF Cemetery in Bloomfield. The funeral will be live streamed on the Wagler Funeral Home Facebook page.

Visitation will begin at 1:00 p.m. on Friday with the family present to greet friends from 5-7:00 p.m. at the funeral home.

Masks are requested for all services.

Memorial contributions can be made to VFW Post 788 in Cedar Rapids.

Cemetery Details

IOOF Cemetery

620 North Madison Street
Bloomfield, IA 52537

Previous Events

Visitation

APR 30. 1:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

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

Visitation with Family Present

APR 30. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

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Funeral Services

MAY 1. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ *William "Bill" Huggins*

January 28, 2023 at 10:57 AM



“ *Jan, Steve, Craig, Jeff and family,
I'm so sadden to hear of Bill's passing. I remember him with great respect and a little devil thrown in! Always funny, always kind.
I can just imagine the stories you're all sharing, each one better than the last.
I'm glad you have each other in these sad days, it helps to lean on one another.
Please know Bill will be remembered fondly by many.
Mona Shannahan Gilmore*

Mona Gilmore - May 01, 2021 at 02:52 PM



“ *I was saddened to read of Bills' passing. I became acquainted with Bill when I worked in the Collins purchasing department. He was part of a group of senior buyers/managers with extensive process knowledge whom I had a deep respect for. Over time at Collins Bill emerged as one of the most supportive and generous of my colleagues. Bill included me both professionally and personally. Bill was a genuinely altruistic mentor whom I am thankful to have known.
Alan Novak*

Alan Novak - April 30, 2021 at 09:26 PM

BO

“ Steve & Craig - Sincere condolences to you both -- and to your Mom and brother -- re: the passing of your Dad. Hope you all are recycling through many good memories this weekend of the Huggins Homestead over on 41st Street. I'm recalling one sleep-over in particular - I believe it was Steve's 12th birthday celebration -- during which Mr. and Mrs. Huggins demonstrated INCREDIBLE patience. Steve finally conked out at around 3:30am, but Bill Oates and Mike Davidson were still going strong. I recall another time at the dinner table after bumping into your parents at a Kenwood school function, my Dad (another long-time Collins Radio veteran, like your Dad) said to my Mom, "My but that Mrs Huggins is the sweetest gal -- Bill Huggins is a lucky man!" My Mom just laughed and said, "I sure can't argue with that -- he is lucky man! And, I remember being at the Town & Country bowling Ctr, and my Dad talking with your Dad and laughing so hard - your Dad had a great laugh. When my Dad came back over to our lane, I asked him what was so funny, and he said, that Bill Huggins has a great sense -- but, he wouldn't tell me what they were laughing about! I hope you both fare well -- sure you are taking good care of your Mom. Regards to all... Bill & Pete -- the Oates Brothers on 43rd Street

Bill Oates - April 30, 2021 at 09:17 PM

JS

“ Craig and family,
We are so saddened to hear of your dads passing. It's tough losing a parent but I'm sure he was so proud to call you his son. Keeping you in our thoughts and prayers.

Don and Julie Sherman

julie sherman - April 30, 2021 at 08:11 PM



“ Craig, May the comfort of friends and family be your strength now and in the days ahead for you and your family.

Elena Murillo, Gil and Mona Morley

Monica Morley - April 29, 2021 at 08:02 PM

GD

“ Our deepest heartfelt sympathy to Jan and the Huggins family. We will all miss Bill at the VFW Post 788! Everyone always enjoyed listening to his stories. Our thoughts and prayers are with you! Gary and Pat Dusil

Gary Dusil - April 29, 2021 at 11:17 AM



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



April 28, 2021 at 11:00 PM

LH

“ *So sorry for your loss, prayers for your family.*
Linda Johnson Chandler Hoepner

Linda Hoepner - April 28, 2021 at 06:52 PM



“ *Dreams From the Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of William "Bill" Huggins.*



April 28, 2021 at 05:53 PM

MG

“ *Marilyn Gould purchased the Sweet Tranquility Basket for the family of William "Bill" Huggins.*



Marilyn Gould - April 28, 2021 at 03:41 PM

MI

“ *I always loved listening to Uncle Bill's fishing stories. So many good memories of him.* 💕💕

Michelle - April 27, 2021 at 10:42 PM

LR

“ *Hi thier to the family of bill huggins my prayers and sympathy to all of the family lynn*

Lynn roberts - April 27, 2021 at 06:12 PM

LR

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



Lynn roberts - April 27, 2021 at 06:09 PM