



William Houston

November 3, 1936 - October 27, 2022

William Leon “Bill” Houston (Sam Houston to some), 85, of Bloomfield, Iowa passed away on October 27, 2022 at Good Samaritan Society – Ottumwa. He was born on November 3, 1936 in the Village of Mark, Iowa to LaVaughn “Bonnie” and Lena Evadyne (Vestal) Houston. He graduated from Bloomfield High School in 1954. Bill served in the Air Force during the Korean War from 1954-1958. He married Beatrice Brown on September 13, 1974 in Davis County.

Bill worked for John Deere Ottumwa Works for 30 years. He was a proud member and past commander of Reed Whisler Post #78 of the American Legion in Bloomfield as-well-as a past vice commander for the American Legion of Iowa. Bill and Bea loved to travel all over the country, especially to Colorado and Texas where they spent many winters. He also enjoyed camping, tinkering around, and refinishing oak furniture. Bill will be greatly missed by his family and friends.

He is survived by his wife, Beatrice Houston; three children, Tony (Paula) Houston of Bloomfield, Diana (Jerry) Wredt of Trenton, Georgia, Connie (Rod) Elswick of Albia, Iowa; three step-children, Teresa (Richard) Owens of Burlington, Iowa, Mark McManus of Burlington, Sharon Rysdam of Bloomfield; 14 grandchildren; 16 great-grandchildren; and a great-great-grandchild.

He was preceded in death by his parents; step-mother, Ruby Mildred Lay; mother-in-law, Dorthy Brown; step-son, Gary McManus; step-son-in-law, Ronnie Rysdam; foster sister, Shirley Francis; and foster brother, Robert Stevens.

Funeral services will be held at 10:30 a.m. on Saturday, November 5, 2022 at the Wagler Funeral Home in Bloomfield with Sonny Smyser officiating. Burial will be at the IOOF Cemetery in Bloomfield. Military rites will be performed by Reed-Whisler Post #78 American Legion. Visitation will begin at 2:00 p.m. on Friday with the family present to greet friends from 5-7:00 p.m. at the funeral home. The family has requested that no flowers are sent and instead a donation be made in Bill's honor to the Wounded Warriors. Online condolences may be directed to www.waglerfuneralhome.com.

Cemetery Details

IOOF Cemetery

620 North Madison Street
Bloomfield, IA 52537

Previous Events

Visitation

NOV 4. 2:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Wagler Funeral Home
304 West Jefferson Street
Bloomfield, IA 52537
(641) 664-3421
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Visitation with Family Present

NOV 4. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

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Funeral Services

NOV 5. 10:30 AM - 11:30 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ *William Houston*

January 28, 2023 at 10:57 AM



“ *Tony and Family. I am sorry to hear of the passing of your father, When i was in town I always looked forward to see him walk by my folks house, and on occasion we would chat. I remember the days when we would see each other at Saturday morning coffee at the restaurant on the north side of the square. Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. Brett Garrett & family.*

Brett L Garrett - November 09, 2022 at 08:44 AM



“ *Dear Bea and Family, We were sorry to hear of Bill's passing. So many good memories of him in Texas. Getting together for visits and the fish fry! He was always ready to stop and visit. Our thoughts and prayers are with you all. Frank and Judy*

Frank and Judy Thompson - November 04, 2022 at 09:33 AM



“ *Tony I'm sorry to hear of the passing of your Dad. Thinking of you and your family.*
Phil Downing

Phil Downing - October 29, 2022 at 05:15 PM

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“ *I have known Bill and his family for many years. Bill would do anything for you if he was able to. He will be missed .*



Georgia Stevens - October 28, 2022 at 12:23 PM