



William M. Byers

March 7, 1926 - August 29, 2018

William M. Byers, Jr.

Born: 03/07/1926

Died: 08/29/2018

William M. Byers, Jr., age 92, of Park Falls, WI died Wednesday, August 29, 2018 at Lakeview Medical

Center in Rice Lake, WI. He was born on March 7, 1926 in Marshalltown, IA to William M. Byers, Sr. and

Edna (Murphy) Byers. Bill graduated from Marshalltown High School in 1944 and entered the United

States Army, serving in the European theatre during WWII. He was honorably discharged in June, 1946

and entered Iowa State University in Ames, Iowa. He married Claribel Havens in 1948. To this union were

born seven children. After graduating from Iowa State University majoring in Forestry, he worked in

various locations for the United States Forest Service, finally serving for 23 years in Park Falls. He retired

in 1988 as Acting Supervisor of the Chequamegon National Forest. Bill was a member of Faith Baptist

Church in Park Falls until it closed. He most recently attended Maranatha Baptist Church in Phillips, WI.

He enjoyed gardening, reading, and traveling, having returned from an annual

trip to Austria on June 15
of this year.

He is survived by five children, Eva (Falk) Minichshofer of Linz, Austria, Terri Towns of Fredericksburg, VA, Christi (Ron) Lewis of Tipler, WI, Sarah (Steve) Svendsen of Rice Lake, WI, and Melinda (Bill) Larson of Ashland, WI. Bill had 21 grandchildren and 28 great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his wife of 40 years, Claribel, his parents, two sisters, two brothers, his daughters Vicki and Mary, and his son Mark.

Funeral Services will be held at 11:00am. Tuesday, September 4, 2018 at the Novitzke Funeral Home Chapel in Park Falls, Rev. Steven Svendsen officiating.

Burial will follow at Nola Cemetery in Park Falls

Visitation will be held at the funeral home on Tuesday from 10:00am until the hour of the service.

Memorials to the Children's Hunger Fund: <https://childrenshungerfund.secure.nonprofitsoapbox.com/giftmatch> would be appreciated.

Cemetery Details

Nola Cemetery

Park Falls, WI

Previous Events

Visitation

SEP 4. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Novitzke Funeral Home
322 Sherry Ave
Park Falls, WI 54552
(715) 762-3287

Service

SEP 4. 11:00 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ *William M. Byers*

October 05, 2023 at 02:07 PM



“ *My wife and I volunteered at the Forest Service in the early 1980s where we met Bill. What an absolutely wonderful person. Our condolences to the family.*

*Patrick and Barbara Keily
Lynden, Washington*

Pat - May 14, 2021 at 05:15 PM



“ *We feel very sorry that Bill is no longer among us. We met Bill first many, many years ago, when he came to Europe for the first time.*



It was great for us to meet him once or twice during his annual trips to Austria and during all these years friendship has developed.

We are sure to have lost a real friend and want to express our sympathy to all your family.

*Renate and Walter Thumann,
Ulli and Claudia Pöstinger from Leonding (Austria).*

Renate - September 04, 2018 at 01:07 PM

BD

“ Uncle Bill (Junior) had such a wonderful sense of dedication about everything. My thoughts and heartfelt sympathy to all my cousins and their children, and their children. Your dad and grandpa will be missed by many, but he is in the arms of many loved ones now. Please take comfort in that.
Cousin Becky in Iowa

Becky and Scott Davenport - September 03, 2018 at 02:20 PM

PK

“ I'm so sorry for your loss, I will miss Bills great humor!
Peggy Kaczowski

PEGGY KACZKOWSKI - August 31, 2018 at 09:22 AM

KS

“ I have many fond memories from my years growing up in Park Falls - and the Beyers family was a huge part of that! Whether it was in church - us visiting their home or them visiting our home - Mr Beyers was there, with his kind and generous heart! Always showing interest in my life and being an encouragement to me. No matter how many years went by- or how long it had been since I last saw him - his face would always light up when he saw me, he'd give me a big hug! Our loss is truly Heaven's gain!!

Kathy Semon - August 31, 2018 at 09:01 AM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of William M. Byers.



August 31, 2018 at 08:45 AM

SS

“ I have to admit that I was a little scared of my Uncle Bill when I was very young, because I thought he seemed so big! But I came to know him as a man who loved God and his family, loved being outdoors and sharing nature with others, loved fun and telling stories. He was a warm-hearted man who embraced life wholly, and I will miss him.

Susan Schill - August 31, 2018 at 07:56 AM

PN

“ When I think of Bill, I think of a man who was faithful to the Lord. Even in the past couple years, he was still sharp, still thinking of others, still praying. He was someone who impacted my life in a positive way for Christ, from the days as a young believer up until now. Thank you, Bill, for being faithful to the Lord. Enter into the joy of your Lord!

Pastor Steve Newman - August 31, 2018 at 04:31 AM

JW

I loved Uncle Bill and his stories. I remember Uncle Bill playing a "growling bear in the woods" with my little brother who loved every minute of it! Bill wrote many interesting letters about his life and family. They could be compiled in a book.
Joanne Halsted Ward

Joanne Ward - August 31, 2018 at 07:33 AM

GF

I first meet Bill when working at the Forest Service. He appeared bigger in life since he was a "Staff Officer" and I was on the lowest end of the scale. And he scared me. But as the years went on, we became co-workers but most importantly, friends. He shared himself more so than ever after the love of his life, Clarabelle, passed away. He was a strict man in his believes in God and was willing to share those readily. After our retirements, we became involved with The Lord's Cupboard. Bill was called "our potato man". He use to purchase, deliver, share, approx. 1000# to our pantry and also Phillips pantry almost every month or two. He never wanted any recognition in doing this task. We were always grateful for his generous gifts. I was blessed to know Bill - he is resting in God's arms.

Ginger Feit - August 31, 2018 at 08:27 PM

RT

I met Bill in July 1963 when he came through on a project for the Forest Service on a bus from Duluth. I went down to the bus station to pick him up but no Bill and the driver assured me there was no Bill. So back to the office. About a half hour later, Bill walked in carrying a very heavy suitcase. Turned out there were two buses from Duluth that day. It was very hot and Bill showed signs of the heat. For some reason he did not seem amused by our explanation. .

I eventually returned to Park Falls so Bill was a valued associate in our office for nearly 10 yrs. And I can assure you that my children valued the beach and trails associated with his house on Butternut Lake. When I told them of Bills's passing, they told of their many happy memories of playing there with the Bill's children.

We kept in contact through the years, the last by email in July. I was in the area at the time but we missed connections so I did not visit, something that I will regret for a long time.

Richard C. Trochlil

Richard Trochlil - September 13, 2018 at 12:46 PM