



Billy R. Jacobsen

December 6, 1935 - December 21, 2013

Funeral services for Billy will be held on Friday, December 27, 2013 at 2:00 p.m. at the Fairmont Community Church. Pastor Karla Sheffy will be officiating the service.

Private family Military Graveside services will follow the funeral in the Fairmont Cemetery.

Visitation will be on Thursday from 1:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. with family present from 6-8 p.m. at the Farmer & Son Funeral Home in Geneva. Memorials in lieu of flowers are directed to the Fairmont Community Club Pool Park Project, the Fairmont American Legion, or the Fairmont Rescue Unit.

Billy Roger Jacobsen was born on December 6, 1935 to Clyde and Marguerite (Crouse) Jacobsen. After a long, courageous battle with cancer, Bill passed away on December 21st, 2013 at York General Hearthstone, York, Nebraska at the age of 78. He was surrounded by friends and family.

Bill attended Fairmont Public School and graduated in 1952. Bill was inducted into the U.S. Army on February 10th, 1953 and was discharged February 9th, 1956. Bill served in the Korean War for a large period of this time. His military service was always something that he was very proud of. He always thought that a military career would have been wonderful.

On June 2nd, 1956, Bill married Jean JoAnn Arbuck in Hebron, Nebraska. They were blessed with two children. Bill and Jean made their home in the Fairmont area where Bill was always busy working. His endeavors over the years included: Farming, trucking, cattle feeding, owning and managing the

Stockman's Club and in later years, owning and managing a car sales business. Jean and some of his family members were always helping out with one business or another. In his early years, Bill was very involved with the community in which he lived. He was a volunteer for the Fairmont Fire and Rescue department. He was a member of the Fairmont Public School Board for many years. He was also a thirty year member of the Fairmont American Legion Lt. Forbes Post #21 and the Geneva VFW Samuel J. Marsh Post 7102. He also served on the Fairview Manor Board for several years. Bill believed in hard work and love of family and friends. In the past few years, he had battled many health issues with bravery and dignity. He loved his wife, children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren dearly. In the summer, you would find him pushing a swing, holding a young hand up a slide and giving Jean and great-grandchildren rides around town in his golf cart during the evenings.

Billy is survived by his wife Jean of 57 years; Daughter and son-in-law Cindy and Jack Slocum , Jr. of Fairmont, NE and Susan and Randy Jensen of Exeter, NE; Grandchildren, Amanda Beard of Auburn, NE, Anna and Brian Yates of Fairmont, NE, Matthew and Jessica Slocum of Fairmont, NE, Daniel Slocum and fiancé Kylee Baber of Fairmont, NE, Megan and Dustin Crawford of Geneva, NE; Great-Grandchildren Ryan and Wyatt Beard, Isabelle and Owen Yates, Emmett and Evan Crawford, Shawn and Samuel Slocum; Brother and wife, Jack and Pearl Jacobsen of Delia, KS; Sisters-in-law Beverly Jacobsen and Pat Nutz both of Fairmont, NE, and Brother-in-law and wife Dick and Deanna Arbuck of Fairmont, NE. He is also survived by a host of nieces, nephews, extended family and wonderful friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents; parents-in-law; brothers, Francis Jacobsen, Floyd and his wife Karen Jacobsen, and Glen Jacobsen.

Tribute Wall

CT

“ *I got to know Bill years ago when he would stop and buy cars from me at Russwood Chrysler. It was a pleasure to know him.*

Chad Tessman - December 30, 2013 at 10:12 PM

BG

“ *I'm glad that I met Billy Jacobsen. He was always nice and pleasant to me. I'm sorry for your loss....
Bill Gauthier Nebraska Auto Auction*

Bill Gauthier - December 28, 2013 at 08:28 AM

BH

“ *Our prayers are with the family and hope time will help you all.*

Bud and Rita Hackbarth - December 27, 2013 at 08:20 PM

TB

“ *Dear Jean, Cindy and Susan,
I am very sorry that we cannot attend the service for Bill, but know that you are all in our prayers, as Bill has been for some time now. Bill gave me an education by sharing his knowledge and his view points on so many subjects. I came to rely on him as a source of support, and feeling I could discuss very confidential matters with him seeking an opinion. I still share his wisdom on a regular basis. He will be missed. Your friends, Tom and Margaret Boyer*

Tom and Margaret Boyer - December 27, 2013 at 10:34 AM

TD

“ Sorry to here of the loss of one great man, and friend. Billy will be missed by all of us. A true gentleman, in every way. A tremendous, husband, father, and business man. As we are taught as Christians, we belong to the Lord as his children, and our lifetime goal is to be with him for eternity. It is comforting to know, ' Billy' has finally achieved his ultimate goal.

tom dean - December 24, 2013 at 07:30 PM

DS

“ My condolences.

Don Sandman - December 22, 2013 at 07:07 PM