



William D. "Billy" Bettger

November 11, 1949 - January 26, 2019

A Celebration of Life (Party!) for Billy will be held on Thursday, January 31, 2019 at 5:00 p.m. at the East Side Event Center, 711 Metal Tech Dr, Geneva, NE with Fr. Kenneth Borowiak officiating the celebration.

No visitation - cremation.

Private Inurnment will be held at a later date in the Geneva Public Cemetery.

In Lieu of flowers memorials are to be directed to:

Geneva Fire Department
C/O Mike Grothe
600 F St
Geneva, NE 68361

Fairmont Fire Department
P.O. Box 487
Fairmont, NE 68354

Fillmore County Hospital Foundation
1900 F Street
Geneva, NE 68361

University of Nebraska Foundation - Buffett Cancer Center
2285 s 67th Street
STE 200
Omaha, NE 68106
<https://nufoundation.org>

The family wants everyone to know this celebration is casual dress as how Billy would want it.

William Dean Bettger (Billy) was born to Robert Bettger and Lila Lovegrove on November 11, 1949 in Geneva, Nebraska and passed away at the age of 69 on January 26, 2019 surrounded by his wife and children at University of Nebraska Medical Center in Omaha Nebraska.

Billy graduated from Fairmont High School in 1968. He attended Milford Community College. After college, Billy served in the US Navy as a Seabee which took him to places like Diego Garcia and Cuba. After his service, Billy farmed in the Fairmont NE area.

Billy and his wife, Susan Brower (Suzi), married on August 18, 1979. Billy and Suzi had two children - daughter Abby and son Matt. Billy was also blessed with four granddaughters - Sara, Peyton, Rylan, and Kate.

Billy loved his grandchildren. They fondly call him Papa Billy. He was there when each granddaughter was born. He loved to read stories, play games, and snuggle his grandkids. Billy's love for them could move mountains.

Billy loved to travel. He spent countless hours researching new routes to take with the most winding mountain trail and planning trips. He explored the country with family and friends. If you ever needed directions, he was the one

to go to. His adventures took him to Prudhoe Bay, Key West, Mount Washington, the Grand Canyon, Teton National Park, the Alpine Loop, and Steamboat Springs (just to name a short few). His adventures got him stuck in high water, landed on glaciers in Alaska, driving on one-lane narrow mountain passes in the snow, running over a mattress on an interstate in Texas, and so so much more.

Billy enjoyed his Friday morning breakfasts with the guys. He enjoyed catching up with friends at the Fairmont Co-op. He loved the mountains. He kept his cars clean and his garage cleaner. He taught countless kids to water ski and how to aim a water balloon launcher. Billy was an avid supporter of speech meets, football games, softball games, basketball games, dance recitals, and any activity his children were involved in. He loved to make people laugh and always had the best stories.

But the thing Billy loved most was his wife, Suzi. Billy and Suzi traveled the country together. They laughed a lot. They made countless friends. She was his companion and best friend.

If you ask someone if they knew Billy, the answer is likely yes. If you ask them to tell you a story about Billy, they probably can. Billy left a lasting impression on most everyone who had the fortune to know him. His infectious laughter, mischievous smile, warm hugs, and ornery sense of humor will live on in those who love him.

Billy was preceded in death by Lila Bettger (mother) and John H Brower (father in-law).

He is survived by Susan Bettger of Geneva NE (wife), Robert Bettger of Fairmont NE (father), Charlene Brower of Geneva NE (mother-in-law), Abby

(Wade) Lancaster of Castle Rock CO (daughter), Matt (Kristin) Bettger of Fairmont NE (son), Robert (Sandy) Bettger of Fairmont NE (brother), Paul (Carol) Bettger of Fairmont NE (brother), Peyton Lancaster and Rylan Lancaster of Castle Rock CO (granddaughters), Sara Bettger and Kate Bettger of Fairmont NE (granddaughters), Jerry and Sharon Hockemeier of Eagle NE (in laws), Jim and Barb Brower of York NE (in laws), John and Kathie Brower of Geneva NE (in laws) and many beloved nieces and nephews.

Cemetery Details

Geneva Public Cemetery

Geneva, NE 68361

Tribute Wall

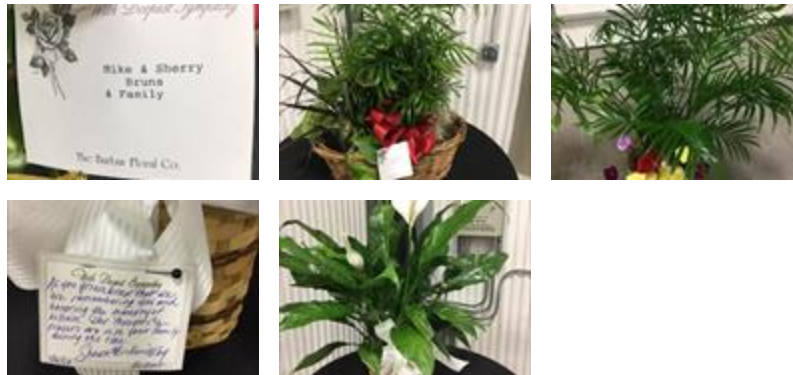
MW

“ I met Billie in the Navy in Cuba in 1971 and we became friends. I came to Nebraska to hunt with him several times, he also visited me in Tennessee where I live. I just found out that he passed. My prayers are with Susie and the family in your loss. Monte Williams

MONTE H WILLIAMS - March 17, 2019 at 07:53 PM



“ 66 files added to the album Flower Arrangements



Farmer & Son Funeral Home - February 01, 2019 at 08:42 AM

JN

“ Suzy and family, our thoughts and prayers are with you. The world be a quieter and more somber place without Billy.

Lloyd and Judy Neemann.

judy Neemann - January 31, 2019 at 02:19 PM

NL

“ *Suzy, Matt, Abby, our deepest sympathy to all of you. Billy was a unique person and great friend. He will be greatly missed but memories will live on. Sorry we will be unable to make his Celebration of Life Service but our thoughts and prayers are with all of you at this difficult time*

Mike and Nancy Lichti

nancy lichti - January 31, 2019 at 11:43 AM



“ *Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of William D. "Billy" Bettger.*



January 31, 2019 at 09:20 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of William D. "Billy" Bettger.*



January 30, 2019 at 11:26 PM

GL

“ I remember riding Honda 90,s from Geneva to Fairmont and back with 2 older girls from Geneva one hot summer day. Most speed we could get was maybe 45 mph. Farm trucks were even passing us, Many good times with my cousin Bill. House haunting, water skiing, bowling in the winter months in York,etc. Will miss him. Wish I could make it back to Geneva to see you all. Prayers for Suzi and his Family.

Greg Lovegrove

Greg Lovegrove - January 30, 2019 at 11:04 PM



“ Prayers to you and your family.

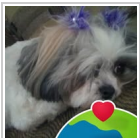
Merle Swartz - January 29, 2019 at 11:07 PM



“ Sorry for your loss Bill was a great guy! Many years since we have met. Prayers for your family 🙏.



Pat Souba Braun - January 29, 2019 at 09:36 PM



“ Pat Souba Braun lit a candle in memory of William D. "Billy" Bettger



Pat Souba Braun - January 29, 2019 at 09:32 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of William D. "Billy" Bettger.*



January 29, 2019 at 04:28 PM



“ *Love, Dave and Tracey Swan, Mike and Jill Johnson purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of William D. "Billy" Bettger.*



Love, Dave and Tracey Swan, Mike and Jill Johnson -
January 29, 2019 at 10:24 AM



“ *Shirley D Taylor lit a candle in memory of William D. "Billy" Bettger*



Shirley D Taylor - January 29, 2019 at 09:57 AM



“ *Billy was a great friend. I will miss our conversations. Keep the shiny side up.*



Jon Johnson - January 29, 2019 at 07:31 AM

JS

“ Suzi, Matt & Abby, Sending our deepest sympathy. I remember Billy as such a happy-go-lucky guy that was so friendly and outgoing. Sorry to miss his celebration of life.

Judy & Dave Smith

Judy Smith - January 29, 2019 at 12:25 AM

JE

“ JennNabb lit a candle in memory of William D. "Billy" Bettger



JennNabb - January 28, 2019 at 10:09 PM

RF

“ Billy was one special man! We only knew him for a couple of years but he was one special friend! Thanks for the memories in Lake Havasu City! We will miss that smile! Our prayers and thoughts to you Suzi and your families! Rodger and Debi Freeman

Rodger Freeman - January 28, 2019 at 09:37 PM

JM

“ Jim Lott & Linda Lott Mitchell lit a candle in memory of William D. "Billy" Bettger



Jim Lott & Linda Lott Mitchell - January 28, 2019 at 08:08 PM

KT

“ *Kent & Rose Theobald lit a candle in memory of William D. "Billy" Bettger*



Kent & Rose Theobald - January 28, 2019 at 06:07 PM

JW

“ *Prayers to all.*



Jeff and Barb Whitley - January 28, 2019 at 05:48 PM


Virginia
Johnson

“ *Thoughts and Prayers! Mike and Virginia Johnson*



Virginia Johnson - January 28, 2019 at 05:27 PM

CS

“ *Chuck & Diane Swerczek lit a candle in memory of William D. "Billy" Bettger*



Chuck & Diane Swerczek - January 28, 2019 at 05:27 PM

VA

“ Suzi and all I'm sorry to for your loss. Billy was an amazing guy that will live on in each of you.

Vicki Allgood - January 28, 2019 at 04:35 PM



“ Tranquil Seas was purchased for the family of William D. "Billy" Bettger.



January 28, 2019 at 04:31 PM

RS

“ Rhonda & Randy Schlick lit a candle in memory of William D. "Billy" Bettger



Rhonda & Randy Schlick - January 28, 2019 at 03:36 PM

BF

“ Suzi, Abby & family, Matt & family....
Words can not even begin to express how deep our sympathy is for all of you. Billy was such a wonderful guy, and so full of constant laughter --- he loved his family and friends dearly. He will be very deeply missed- our thoughts and prayers are with you all.



Bruce & Jody Filipi

Bruce & Jody Filipi - January 28, 2019 at 03:36 PM

BW

“ Robert, Suzi, Abby, Matt and families: You are in our thoughts and prayers. You have our deepest condolences. Bob & Beth Webb

Bob & Beth Webb - January 28, 2019 at 03:00 PM



“ Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of William D. "Billy" Bettger.



January 28, 2019 at 01:43 PM

DR

“ Doug Fischer & Holly Rippe lit a candle in memory of William D. "Billy" Bettger



Doug Fischer & Holly Rippe - January 28, 2019 at 11:04 AM



“ Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of William D. "Billy" Bettger.



January 28, 2019 at 10:23 AM