



## William C. "Bill" Volkmer

July 6, 1957 - December 31, 2014

Memorial services for Bill will be held at 3:00 p.m., Tuesday, January 6, 2015 at the St. Stephen's Catholic Church in Exeter. Private family graveside services will follow the funeral in the Exeter Cemetery.

A Rosary will be prayed at 6:30 p.m., Monday, January 5, 2015 at St. Stephen's Catholic Church in Exeter.

Memorials are directed to the family for later designation.

William Charles Volkmer was born on July 6, 1957 at York Hospital, York, NE to Ervin & Jean (Becker) Volkmer. Bill was the fifth of seven children. He passed away at home on December 31, 2014, after a 24 year battle with cancer, at the age of 57 years, 5 months, and 24 days.

Bill is survived by his wife Terri (Petersen) Volkmer of Exeter; brothers and sisters and their spouses: Dennis & Kathy Volkmer of York, NE, Ann & John Cople of Lincoln, NE, Mary & Bruce Kiederling, Chesapeake, VA, John & Debbie Volkmer of York, NE, Sara & Fred Analla of Athens, IL; Brother-in-law Jerry Petersen of Exeter; father and mother-in-law Wayne & Gladys Petersen of Republican City, NE. Bill was blessed with 11 nieces and nephews who he had many great times with and he was also blessed with 4 Godchildren.

Bill was preceded in death by his father, mother, and brother Tom.

Bill attended Exeter Elementary School and was a 1975 graduate of Exeter High School.

Bill always made time to spend time with family and see a friend. He was a hardworking man that saw that everyone was helped and treated fairly. His vitality and insight was always put to use whether moving dirt with a backhoe or loader, or climbing into his semi and driving many miles to deliver seed or steel. He worked as a welder and loved to show people his work. Many plans to make things for his wife were put off for, as Bill would say “our” retirement years. He said that with an endearing smile and a pat on Terri’s shoulder.

The annual ‘Bill & Terri Pumpkin Painting Event’ was something he truly enjoyed, but during setup you’d always hear him say, “This is the last one!” When the children would come around with their decorated pumpkins, Bill would tell them what a great pumpkin they had created and “We’ll see you next year!” Many children and young people were drawn to Bill. He was gentle, laid back, undemanding, but most of all he listened.

As a husband and best friend to his wife, he was amazing and admirable. His ability to live one day at a time and love to the fullest will forever be his gift to Terri.

Bill appreciated and felt truly blessed for his family and friends. He expressed this each and every day while battling multiple forms of cancer throughout his life. He worried about everyone. If someone was sick or struggling in some way, he felt it was his responsibility to help, and he did so without any fanfare. That was never his way. When the time came that he was the one receiving visitors, cards, calls and food, he was humbled. He always said after each gift, card or visit, “We are lucky to have so many great people in our life.”

Bill's indomitable spirit has encouraged his family and friends to persist in the face of many struggles. We will miss Bill each day, but he will be alive in all we do as we all live one day at a time.

# Tribute Wall

PM

“ I am so sorry to hear about Bill. i lived next door to him in his folks trailer parker when I taught in Exeter. I remember him as always willing to help anyone. You have my deepest sympathy

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**Pat W. W. Melroy** - October 20, 2015 at 12:18 PM

FN

“ Dear Terri, It is so hard to lose your sole mate. It is like a part of you died, too. Bill was the best and he will always been remembered. They say time will heal your heart but I disagree. You just learn to live with your loss and thank god for memories. I am here for you my friend.  
Faye Neemann

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**Faye Neemann** - February 01, 2015 at 08:23 PM

CB

“ My son Chuck Komarek was friends with Bill. We lost Chuck to cancer in 2003. My other son Kelly was befriended by Johnny and also knew Bill. I knew Roger years ago when we both worked for the same construction company. To a good family my sympathy. God Bless.

*Charline (Komarek) Brown - Harrisburg, NE*

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**Charline Brown** - January 14, 2015 at 01:44 PM

JL

“ I met Bill a little over three years ago through his brother John. I was told he is a fair and honest man and he was. He also had some good stories that I enjoyed he made some bad days better for me I thank him for that. He will be missed. John Lebsack

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**john lebsack** - January 14, 2015 at 01:19 PM

CM

“ I remember so clearly when Gary was sick and dying with cancer Bill came several times and just sat and visited with him He was sooo thanfull for that  
Thank you Bill enjoy your heavenly reward we will all see you soon



carol Mckenzie - January 07, 2015 at 09:37 AM

RJ

“ Rhonda And John lit a candle in memory of William C. "Bill" Volkmer



Rhonda and John - January 06, 2015 at 09:05 AM

MS

“ Michelle Schauer lit a candle in memory of William C. "Bill" Volkmer



Michelle Schauer - January 05, 2015 at 06:44 PM

JS

“ Terri, our thoughts are with you. May God hold you in his hands and shed peace around you.

Jeanne Schroeder - January 05, 2015 at 08:44 AM

BS

“ So sorry for your loss Terri! Always thinking about you Bill was a great guy. I don't know who will ever cook red-neck hot dogs with me now. Oh what fun we had. Hold on to all the memoirs you have to get through this you are very very strong. Love you !

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**Bonnie Streit** - January 04, 2015 at 08:10 PM

JH

“ Judy Huffman purchased the Let It Snow for the family of William C. "Bill" Volkmer.



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**Judy Huffman** - January 04, 2015 at 07:58 PM

PF

“ Pat Ekelers Family purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of William C. "Bill" Volkmer.



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**Pat Ekelers Family** - January 04, 2015 at 05:48 PM

SH

“ Terri, my deepest sympathy. Did have the chance to visit with Bill at the Exeter Care Center where he went to visit with his Mother. Bill was a great person and he will be missed  
classmate  
Sharon Henricksen

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**Sharon Henricksen** - January 04, 2015 at 05:35 PM

CD

“ Terri, I have found how necessary the friendship and kindness of others can start the healing process. The emptiness of being alone can be overwhelming at times, but one has to look ahead and treasure the memories of your life together. Bill was a good man who always had time for his friends. I'm not hard to find if you ever would like to talk.  
Carol Dumpert

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**Carol Dumpert** - January 04, 2015 at 12:31 PM

DS

“ Memories of Bill, from years ago, he from Exeter, us from Fairmont. He treated us with great class.  
God Bless from Arizona. Dave "Peanuts" Smith

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**David A Smith** - January 04, 2015 at 11:46 AM

PH

“ Terri, you have our deepest sympathy! What a beautiful love story you two shared. You now have your very own special angel watching over you 😍. Pat and John Hoffschneider

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**Pat Hoffschneider** - January 04, 2015 at 11:35 AM



“ Lovely One Spathiphyllum Plant was purchased for the family of William C. "Bill" Volkmer.



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January 04, 2015 at 11:28 AM

RH

“ *Never a time that I ran into Bill that I didn't leave smiling or laughing*

Randy Hellbusch - January 04, 2015 at 07:40 AM

Betty  
Buerer

“ *Betty Buerer lit a candle in memory of William C. "Bill" Volkmer*



Betty Buerer - January 04, 2015 at 02:58 AM

LQ

“ *Lynn Quiring lit a candle in memory of William C. "Bill" Volkmer*



Lynn Quiring - January 03, 2015 at 08:12 PM

TH

“ *I loved his smile and laugh! He was always welcoming to all. He was always around with my brothers, he told me once he loved me like a sister, course I loved him more, but he only had eyes for Terri. I'm going to miss you brother. I'm going to miss our visits when we come to Exeter. Sending prayers for Bill and all his wonderful family! Love you all.*



Therese Harre - January 03, 2015 at 05:13 PM

RR

“ Roger And Theo Rucker lit a candle in memory of William C. "Bill" Volkmer



Roger and Theo Rucker - January 03, 2015 at 05:09 PM

RR

Bill was always smiling and willing to take anything on. He was so ornery. Will miss his smile. You have a sincerest sympathy Terri and to your and Bill's family.

Roger and Theo Rucker - January 03, 2015 at 05:12 PM

PB

“ Bill was a student of mine way back when. I had him in class as a seventh grader on up, he was sweet, mischievous, friendly young man that was I will always remember. My most sincere condolences to Bill's family.

Mr. Phil Brutto  
Casa Grande, AZ

Philip Brutto - January 03, 2015 at 01:59 PM

JH

“ Jamie Hollibaugh lit a candle in memory of William C. "Bill" Volkmer



Jamie Hollibaugh - January 03, 2015 at 11:29 AM

JG

“ I remember building forts out rail road timber in you and Bills yard and Bill would always remind me and my sisters to "make sure those Indians don't get in the back door!!!"\_ we rebuild that fort over and over all summer long, and Bill never missed the opportunity to remind us girls of those Indians!!!

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**jessica gewecke** - January 03, 2015 at 11:09 AM

RW

“ Ron Wince lit a candle in memory of William C. "Bill" Volkmer



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**ron wince** - January 03, 2015 at 10:27 AM

KW

“ Tim says that Bill was an inspiration to so many people who had cancer. Bill always made the "fight" look easy, and he never let cancer "win". There are no words to adequately express what you and Bill mean to us. Just know that we are here for you, Terri.

*Our Love,*

*Tim and Kathleen Wilbeck*

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**Kathleen Wilbeck** - January 03, 2015 at 09:35 AM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of William C. "Bill" Volkmer.



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January 03, 2015 at 09:08 AM



“ Kevin Koozer lit a candle in memory of William C. "Bill" Volkmer



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**Kevin Koozer** - January 03, 2015 at 08:17 AM



“ Knud & Mallory Elting lit a candle in memory of William C. "Bill" Volkmer



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**Knud & Mallory Elting** - January 03, 2015 at 08:08 AM



“ Lynette Reetz June lit a candle in memory of William C. "Bill" Volkmer



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**Lynette Reetz June** - January 03, 2015 at 07:16 AM



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



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January 03, 2015 at 06:11 AM



“ *Sandy Cochran lit a candle in memory of William C. "Bill" Volkmer*



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**Sandy Cochran** - January 03, 2015 at 03:40 AM



*so sad for your loss ,.Bill will be greatly missed by so many , what a nice caring person god bless you terri and all your family*

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**Sandy Cochran** - January 03, 2015 at 03:42 AM



“ *Teresa Johnson lit a candle in memory of William C. "Bill" Volkmer*



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**Teresa Johnson** - January 03, 2015 at 01:23 AM

SG

“ Sharon Grutsch lit a candle in memory of William C. "Bill" Volkmer



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**Sharon Grutsch** - January 03, 2015 at 01:04 AM

BN

“ Bill was an amazing man! We will all miss him dearly. Here is a candle for you Bill...love you



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**Brandy Nichols** - January 03, 2015 at 12:12 AM

HE

“ Heather Ekeler lit a candle in memory of William C. "Bill" Volkmer



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**Heather Ekeler** - January 02, 2015 at 04:03 PM

SL

“ Bill was a great guy. He will be greatly missed. Thoughts and prayers are with you Terry. Leo and Sharon

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**Sharon Lott** - January 02, 2015 at 02:40 PM

JC

“ Bill was a very nice man and you were a terrific wife, you both fought the cancer fight. My heart felt condolences to you and your family. May our good Lord be your strength . Julie Elsner-Crist

Julie Crist - January 02, 2015 at 11:30 AM

MV

“ Our deepest sympathy to the Volkmer family.  
Tom & Mary Lou Vossler

Mary Lou Vossler - January 02, 2015 at 10:29 AM

SS

“ I'm sorry for your loss! Terri you and Bill were an amazing couple! He truly was your soul mate. The village of Exeter will miss his smile. Heart felt prayers for you and his family!  
Terry and Stephanie Salyer



Stephanie Salyer - January 02, 2015 at 07:04 AM

ME

“ Sorry to hear about Bill, but so happy to be a part in his life! He was an awesome guy with a great personality! We will miss Bill, but he he will forever live in our hearts! Love,

Mark, Sarah, Brandon & Ethan - January 01, 2015 at 10:25 PM

DV

“ Terri you have our deepest sympathy... Bill was a super man. He will be greatly missed.  
Darlene and Darrell

darlene vodicka - January 01, 2015 at 06:42 PM