



Wilbur J. Hines

March 26, 1917 - January 15, 2014

Wilbur "Bill" Hines, 96 year old resident of Little Falls, formerly of Randall, MN, passed away on Wednesday, Jan. 15, 2014 at Central Minnesota Senior Care Center in Little Falls. Funeral Service will be held at 11 AM on Tuesday, Jan. 21st at Randall Presbyterian Church in Randall, MN. Pastor Rob Bellin will officiate and burial will be at the Minnesota State Veterans Cemetery, north of Little Falls. Visitation will be from 5 to 8 PM on Monday, Jan. 20th at Shelley Funeral Chapel in Little Falls, and one hour prior to the service Tuesday at the church.

Wilbur "Bill" Joseph Hines was born on March 26, 1917 in Darling Township to the late Frank and Lucy (Shantel) Hines. He attended country school in Darling Township and also in Randall, MN. Bill entered the U.S. Army in 1942, serving state side during WWII and the Korean Conflict, he also served in the National Guard until 1977. Bill was united in marriage to Dorothy Holste on August 10, 1941 in Little Falls, MN. The couple resided in Randall and raised a family. Bill worked for Johnson Implement in Little Falls and then at Camp Ripley as a mechanic. He also worked on vehicles and small engines at his home. Bill took a job with the City of Randall as the Water & Sewer Supervisor and stayed there until retirement. Bill loved spending time with his grandchildren and great-grandchildren at the lake cabin pulling waterskiers with his speedboat. He also enjoyed flying with his son Bob, and working in his garage. He was an avid weather watcher, he would take notes of the wind speed and air pressure. Bill frequently went for visits at the Randall Café, but

he could never leave the house until the “Price Is Right” was over. Bill would say “There is always room for dessert, it just fills in the cracks” and this was one of his families favorite quotes. He had a special bond with his great-granddaughter Misty and will be deeply missed by her and everyone who knew him.

Bill is survived by his children, Judy (Richard) Becker of Thayne, WY, Robert Hines (fiancé, Debbie Louison) of Randall, MN, and JacLynn (Barry) Opatz of St. Cloud, MN; brother, Elmer Hines of San Jose, CA; 6 grandchildren, 10 great-grandchildren, and 3 great-great-grandchildren. Bill is preceded in death by his parents; wife, Dorothy; brothers, Vernon Hines, and Clarence Hines; sisters, Evelyn Rinell, and Verena McGuire.

Casketbearers will be Richard Hines, Lee Hines, Shane Opatz, Noah Opatz, Doug Weikert, and Lee Selinski.

Cemetery Details

Minnesota State Veterans Cemetery

15550 Highway 115
Little Falls, MN

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 21. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Randall Presbyterian Church
217 1st Street
Randall, MN

Service

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Tribute Wall



“ *Lemieur Funeral Homes created a Tribute Video in memory of Wilbur J. Hines*



Lemieur Funeral Homes - January 15, 2014 at 12:00 AM



“ *Wilbur J. Hines*

January 21, 2023 at 11:59 AM



“ *I will always have wonderful childhood memories of Uncle Bill.....the cabin with endless water skiing, meeting for breakfast and many family gatherings!! My thoughts are with everyone at this time.*

Kathy Holste Pierson

Kathy Pierson - January 19, 2014 at 08:59 PM



“ *My thoughts are with your family at this time. We really appreciated how Bill would look out for mom at church after dad had passed...he'd make sure she made it down the steps ok etc...& always made her smile with some humorous quip, not feel like a "burden" as he did the gentlemanly thing. God bless Bill & the Hines family.*

Pam Martin son Weber - January 18, 2014 at 09:11 AM

MS

“ Not many people are fortunate to know their great-grandparents, I however was one of the lucky ones. Grandma and grandpa weren't just my grandparents they were like my other mom and dad. Being at their house was like my other home, I spent many summers at the cabin and tagging along with my grandpa, where ever he went I was following behind. Everyone who knew him knew that he and I shared a special bond, we were a team. I loved to do many things with him, we would mow the grass, he taught me how to follow you tire tracks around to make a clean and neat cut, well one day we were mowing along, I was on his lap, and we were about to make a turn, he started tugging on the wheel and I said, "No grandpa, not yet, I know what I'm doing all of the time." He would always retell this story to everyone, and even until weeks ago he would still say to me, " You know what your doing all the time." When I was about 5 or 6 he build me a go-cart, he was always making little inventions. He was able to tweek it so it would go faster or slower, well when I was going to take it out for the first time, I did a couple laps around the yard and I said, "Grandpa this doesn't go fast enough." So grandpa turned it up a little faster, well that was a bad idea, minutes later I ran right into the side of the house. But grandpa would never get mad at me, are you kidding he would never yell at "his girl". The last memory I would like to share is one of him and grandma. We would go to the Randall café every morning, grandma would get her egg and pancake with light syrup and depending on what the bathroom scale said that morning decided if grandpa had an egg and toast or just toast, he was so strict about his appearance and weight. But one morning as we were crossing main street, I was holding onto grandmas arm, she shuffled her feet and was always worried about falling, so we were going slow, cars were coming, but she wasn't in a hurry. Grandpa said, "come on grandma kick'er in high gear", oh she scowled at him, and I have never heard her mutter such words, she was mad. I never knew that someone could have had such an influence on my life, he was a wonderful special person, I am privileged to have had him in my life. Mom is right he is a hero, we were his "favorite girls", there was nothing he wouldn't do for us. In the last months of his life, we would go weekly to visit

him and even though it got hard to talk and recognize us, all I had to say was "grandpa its Misty," and I would get a big smile, and even when he would say a word while I was there he would grab for my hand and I would say " I love you grandpa," and I would always get an "I love you back".

Grandpa your the greatest, I love you and will miss you! I look forward to when we will spend the days together again.

*Your Bug-o
Misty*

Misty Selinski - January 18, 2014 at 09:05 AM

DC

“ *Jackie and family, so sorry for your loss. My thoughts and prayers are with you*
Deb Copa

debbie copa - January 17, 2014 at 02:44 PM

SH

“ *Our thoughts are with the Hines family at this most difficult time. I will always remember Bill and his brother Clarence, they both had such wonderful smiles, and were great neighbors too when I was growing up. And I remember the time Bill and Dorothy sponsored me as a candidate in the Morrison County Dairy Princess contest. What a wonderful experience for me, and I remember the wonderful meal the three of us had that night. You will be missed, but never forgotten.*

Sherrill(Rebischke)Kriefall, Sauk Rapids, MN

Sherrill(Rebischke)Kriefall - January 17, 2014 at 12:16 PM

SW

“ I just had to tell this story to show you how wonderful my grandpa was . When lived just down the road from them about 10 years ago or so I had a dog named Taffy ,she was my other baby ! One night around valentines day she was let out side and wondered off . It was a cold winter night . I called grandpa and he was right there with a flash light ready to help . We looked for hours for her and couldn't find her . Grandpa new I was just heartbroken ! Well being it was around valentines day which is my busiest time of year I had no choice but to go to work the next day ,and so did grandpa looking for Taffy . Two days later he calls me at work and says he found her out in the field and he brought her home and wrapped her in a blanket for me . I left work and went to his house and held her and cried and so did grandpa and grandma . He wasn't going to give up till he found her for me. He was always there for Misty and I and the family . So many wonderful memories of both grandpa and grandma from the cabin to times I spent the night at there house when I was a little girl. Grandpa you weren't just a grandpa to me you were a dad and my hero! I love you so much , I only wish I could have been there when you left us . Thank you to everyone for there love and prayers.

Sherri Weikert - January 17, 2014 at 08:52 AM

RD

Sherri, what a wonderful memory. So sorry for your loss.
Rosemary Doble

Rosemary doble - January 17, 2014 at 09:38 AM

GG

“ Jackie and Barry,

We are sorry to hear about the loss of your loved one. Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family.

Greg and Mary Gau

Greg Gau - January 17, 2014 at 07:38 AM

MV

“ Melissa VanScoik lit a candle in memory of
Wilbur J. Hines



Melissa VanScoik - January 17, 2014 at 12:45 AM

BS

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Brittany Schmitz - January 17, 2014 at 12:18 AM

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Brittany Schmitz - January 17, 2014 at 12:18 AM

SE

“ *Judy, Bob and Jackie,
Our thoughts are with you and your families.
Sally and Terry Erickson*

Sally Erickson - January 16, 2014 at 09:21 AM

JB

“ *Dear Judy, Bob & Jackie & Families, we were
so sorry to hear of Bill's passing!! He was
always a joy to be around. Our thoughts &
prayers are each of you!!!
Larry & Jeri Betts*



Jeri Betts - January 15, 2014 at 07:15 PM

LL

“ *My thoughts and prayers are with Bill's family. I
had the absolute priviledge of helping to care
for Bill at Central MN Senior Care. I will always
remember his beautiful smile and sense of
humor. He was such a blessing and will be truly
missed!
Linda Ledbetter*



Linda Ledbetter - January 15, 2014 at 04:11 PM

DB

*Bill's family: Bill was one very special guy. I loved to talk and joke
around with him, always telling him that I was his "girl friend" He will be
missed. (((HUGS)))) and all my love.
Diane Ballou-Balaski*

Diane Ballou-Balaski - January 20, 2014 at 01:02 PM