



William "Bill" Lefler

June 3, 1945 - November 22, 2025

William "Bill" Lefler, age 80, of Waukee, Iowa, passed away on November 22, 2025, surrounded by his loved ones after facing a challenging battle with infection and respiratory complications.

Born in Des Moines on June 3, 1945, to Bill and Ilene Lefler, Bill attended Wentworth Military Academy before graduating from North High School in 1963. He continued his studies at Grand View University, laying the foundation for a lifelong love of learning and connecting with others.

Renowned for his gift of conversation, Bill devoted most of his career to industrial safety equipment. In the '70s and '80s, he owned Iowa Safety Incorporated and later worked in sales for Reliance Safety until retiring. His expertise established him as a respected figure in the industry and a valued mentor.

In 1966, Bill married the love of his life, Mary Andreini, and together they built a life in Waukee, raising their two sons, Nick and Michael. Their marriage spanned nearly 59 years, with their anniversary just days away on December 3rd.

A determined and hard-working individual, Bill was driven to provide for his family, always taking pride in Nick's and Michael's achievements. Family was truly at the center of his world.

Bill's interests were many—he cherished time with his family and animals (especially dogs), enjoyed mystery novels and shows, appreciated tobacco and his nightly Crown Royal. Always sociable, Bill brought warmth, laughter,

and hospitality wherever he went.

He is remembered as a loving husband and father. Bill was preceded in death by his parents, Ilene and Bill and sisters Maurine and Diana.

He is survived by his wife Mary, sons, Nick and Michael, daughters-in-law Dawn and Hildie, and grandchildren Spencer, Cassie, Isaiah, Mikey, and Grayson.

Visitation will be held at 10 AM, followed by a Celebration of Life at 11 AM on Monday, December 1, 2025, at Caldwell Parrish Funeral Home, 8201 Hickman Road, Urbandale, Iowa.

The family encourages sending flowers and notes to Caldwell Parrish Funeral Home. Donations to Heinz 57, honoring Bill's love of dogs, are also welcomed. Arrangements are being managed by Dyamond Memorial.

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC 1. 10:00 AM (CT)

Caldwell Parrish Funeral Home
8201 Hickman Road
Urbandale, IA 50322

Celebration of Life Service

DEC 1. 11:00 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

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“ *The Forrets purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of William "Bill" Lefler.*



The Forrets - November 29, 2025 at 03:42 PM

JM

“ *Uncle Billy's wit and humor will be missed by all he came into contact with over the period of his life. His ability to get others to laugh and his compassion towards others will be greatly missed.*

Jon Morris - November 27, 2025 at 08:35 PM

BH

“ *Blake and Angel Hood purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of William "Bill" Lefler.*



Blake and Angel Hood - November 26, 2025 at 07:38 PM