



William Lawrence Kraemer

April 21, 1929 - March 5, 2019

William Kraemer Obituary

Mr. William (Bill) Lawrence Kraemer began his greatest adventure March 5, 2019. He died peacefully at Evergreen Assisted Living in Kingsford due to prostate cancer and kidney failure.

He will join his parents, George J. Kraemer and Marion B. Shadoski Kraemer, brother, Jim (Doris) Kraemer and sister, Kathy Kraemer.

Bill was born April 21, 1929 in Milwaukee, WI and moved to Cameron, WI during the Depression where his family owned and managed Rest Cove Resort. He graduated from Cameron High School in 1947.

He received his bachelor of education degree from Eau Claire State College (UW Eau Claire), earning his masters in 1955 from UW Madison. He began his teaching career in Glen Flora Public Schools in 1953, then taught at Goodman Public Schools from 1955-1960. Known and respected as 'Mr. Kraemer', he retired in 1998 from Niagara Public Schools. For more than 28 years, he enjoyed teaching math and geometry to his many students; some may even remember his 'Spock' touch. Mr. Kraemer was also the yearbook advisor and guidance counselor for many years.

A proud veteran, Bill served in the Army as a prison guard from February 1952 to July 1953 during the Korean War. He married Charmaine Schultz (Schultzie) June 1, 1956.

As a teacher, he was able to enjoy the summer months with his family, Billy, Carol, Sandy and Linda, pulling the pop-up camper and traveling the US. His favorite destinations were the Southwest, Florida, cruising, and the mountains 'out west', particularly Mt. Rainer in Washington. He later traveled to nearly all 50 states, Europe, and Canada.

But no place was more important and comforting to him than the 12 acres he called home in Niagara where he's lived since 1964. There he would take daily walks on the property to 'his' Menominee River (later riding his ATV), ride his motorcycle in the summer, snowmobile in the winter, shoot his rifles and pistols, carve wood, and hunt deer at 'The Place' (Charmaine's childhood home). With his ever-present camera, he took thousands of photos of his travel, family, and life. He was an avid reader and was always up to date on current events.

Bill is survived by his wife of 62 years, Charmaine, son Bill (Deb), Kraemer Kaukauna, WI; Carol Johnson, Cumming, GA; Sandy (Mike) Keeker Gladstone, MI; and Linda (Joe) Orcelletto, Bend OR. Grandchildren; Chris (Becky) Kraemer, Erik Kraemer, Ashley (Mitch) Herber, Lindsey Johnson, Kyra Keeker, and Mike Keeker. Bill is also survived by his youngest brother, George (Marj) Kraemer in Richland, WA, and various nieces and nephews.

The Kraemer family has entrusted Erickson-Rochon & Nash funeral home in Iron Mountain with the arrangements. Viewing will be Friday from 4:00 to 6:00 p.m. CST, with the service at 6:00 p.m. at Erickson-Rochon Nash Funeral Home, 901 Carpenter Ave, in Iron Mountain. Share your memories at ernashfuneralhomes.com.

His ashes will be spread among his favorite places.

Memorial contributions in Bill's memory may be sent to Niagara Area Scholarship Foundation, 700 Jefferson Ave., Niagara, WI 54151.

Death is not the greatest loss in life. The greatest loss is what dies inside us while we live.-- Norman Cousins

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 8. 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM (CT)

Erickson-Rochon and Nash Funeral Home
901 Carpenter Ave.
Iron Mountain, MI 49801

Funeral Service

MAR 8. 6:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

BK

“ *Great memories of you - Dad, Billy*

Bill Kraemer - December 12, 2019 at 09:13 PM

MK

“ *We will be with you in spirit this afternoon. Love and hugs to all of you. Brother George and Marjorie*

Marjorie A Kraemer - March 08, 2019 at 12:50 PM

DH

“ *DEBRA HUNTER lit a candle in memory of William Lawrence Kraemer*



DEBRA HUNTER - March 08, 2019 at 12:14 PM

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“ *Mark Orcelletto and Lillian York purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of William Lawrence Kraemer.*



Mark Orcelletto and Lillian York - March 07, 2019 at 04:46 PM

KG

“ Terry and I send our condolences to Bill's family. We regret that illness will prevent us from attending the service. We remember Bill as a fine person with a wonderful sense of humor who related well to students and staff. He was a good man, friend, teacher, and colleague. We are pleased to have known Bill and worked with him. God bless and Rest in Peach. Kerry and Terry Grippen

kerry grippen - March 07, 2019 at 03:04 PM

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Marjorie A Kraemer - March 07, 2019 at 02:40 PM

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Marjorie A Kraemer - March 07, 2019 at 02:36 PM

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“ *Mr. Kraemer was my adviser in high school. I thought I would go on to school to become an LPN. However, he saw more potential in me and encouraged me to go on to be an RN instead. That was the best advice I could have gotten! I have been an RN since 1975 and have loved my career choice. I am now the over-serer of health care for my mother who is 89 years old. Thank you Mr. Kraemer, for your guidance and encouragement. Kathy (Hohol) Schoendorf, RN, BSN*

kathleen schoendorf - March 07, 2019 at 12:19 PM

TA

Always an educator who showed his concern for the students...wish I would have gotten to know him better. Tom Aderman, PE

Tom Aderman - March 07, 2019 at 01:55 PM

BF

“ *Brother George Kraemer and immediate family purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of William Lawrence Kraemer.*



Brother George Kraemer and immediate family - March 07, 2019 at 11:26 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of William Lawrence Kraemer.*



March 07, 2019 at 09:15 AM



“ *Sandy and entire Kraemer family, I offer my deepest sympathy of the loss of your father Bill. "Mr. Kraemer" was a great teacher and mentor to so many. Very fond memories of Niagara High. May he be welcomed into the loving arms of our Lord and Savior and may those arms guide you all through this most difficult time. Rest in Peace Mr. Kraemer.*

Kathy O'Connell - March 06, 2019 at 04:11 PM



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Bill Kraemer - March 06, 2019 at 04:10 PM



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Bill Kraemer - March 06, 2019 at 03:52 PM

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