



# William Hendrick Saarinen

JAN 20, 1925 - JAN 10, 2017



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## **William Hendrick Saarinen**

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**W**illiam Hendrick Saarinen of Wild Rose, WI passed away on Jan. 10, 2017 at Rosemore Village. Bill Saarinen was born on Jan. 20, 1925 in Watton, MI to William and Martha Saarinen. In 1943, he graduated from L'anse High School. He joined the US Air Force during the Korean War and trained mechanics on the B-36 engine. While stationed in Spokane, WA he met Nelda Steele and they married in June of 1954. The Saarinens moved back to Upper Michigan and worked the family dairy farm for many years. Bill was very active in the Farm Bureau, 4-H and local politics, serving as a county commissioner and on the school board. In 1971, Bill moved to Waupaca, WI to assume management of Pine Lake Lutheran Camp. In subsequent years, Bill worked for King Veterans Home and Johnson Oil Co. Bill was an active member of Kiwanis and also involved in the American Legion. He was a member of Shepherd of the Lakes Lutheran Church since 1971. Bill's favorite past-time in retirement was watching baseball on TV, sometimes three games per day. Bill is survived by three daughters, Kim (Ron) VanHaitsma, of Reed City, MI; Kay (Dennis) Saarinen-Barr, of Wild Rose, WI; and Ann (Jim) Albrecht, of Wautoma, WI. He is also survived by seven grandchildren; Lorelei, Jennifer, Brittany, Talia, Kaden, Veronica, and Dani; and five great-grandchildren; Sajeewa, Amiya, Gracie, Mari, and Syris. Bill was preceded in death by his wife, Nelda, his parents and his seven sisters, Julie (Verner) Eskel, Edla (Walfred) Franti, Elma Saarinen, Martha (Eino) Aalto, Elsie (Arnie) Rajala, Helen (Carl) Hill, and Ellen (Rudy) Tahtinen. Bill had a strong Christian faith that has continued to inspire his children throughout their lives. His example will live in their hearts forever. Though he will be missed, we are comforted to know that he is with his Heavenly Father and our Lord Jesus Christ. The family would like to thank the staff of Rosemore Village and Care Wisconsin for their compassionate care and thoughtfulness. A memorial service is planned for 11:00 AM, Jan. 14, 2017 at Shepherd of the Lakes Church in Waupaca, with lunch to follow.



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Friends may visit at 10:00 AM until time of service at church. A second memorial service, military honors and burial will be scheduled in Covington, MI this summer. Holly Funeral Home of Wild Rose, WI is assisting the family with arrangements.



## Events


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### Memorial Visitation


 **Saturday**, January 14, 2017


 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM CT

 **Shepherd of the Lakes Church**  
153 County Road QQ, Waupaca WI 54981

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### Cemetery Details

 **Covington Township Cemetery**  
MI



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**Julie Gruendemann** posted:

My condolences to William's family. I remember William as a constant at Shepherd of the Lakes Church. He was a loving servant for the Lord. God's peace to his family.

January 15 at 9:18 AM



**Julie Gruendemann** lit a candle in honor of William.



January 15 at 9:16 AM



**Jean Autio Lasker** posted:

So sorry to hear of Bill's passing. He was my Godparent. My prayers are with you.

January 14 at 10:36 AM



**Steve And Kristie Imm** lit a candle in honor of William.



January 13 at 5:15 PM



**Michael And Janet Beder** posted:

Still remembering Bill the first visit we had , So enjoyed his stories from the farm and upper Mi. This was all when he lived at Pineland Park, Than after he moved to the Rosemore ,I would stop in and visit with a devotion or we would visit after lunch or breakfast in the dinning room. He had a strong faith, we know that he is home with our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Our prayers and thoughts are with the family at this time. Our deepest sympathy to you all, Bill will be missed, Love and In God's Journey, Michael and Janet Beder,

January 13 at 10:08 AM



**Anonymous** sent a Beautiful in Blue to the Saarinen family.



January 13 at 3:59 AM



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**Lorraine Anderson** posted:

So sorry for your loss. We have good memories of Bill.Duane and Lorraine Anderson

January 13 at 3:09 AM



**Alice Howard** posted:

Our favorite Uncle Billy, gone to join the family. Such a great sense of humor, & late sister Elaine & I always so happy to see him when he came home on leave, with his jokes & stories. Our condolences to the family. God bless you all! Peace, Alice Franti Howard & Family

January 12 at 9:23 AM



## **Memories only last if you share them**

Join us in honoring William by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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