



Wilbert "Bill" Emerson Horve

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Wilbert (Bill) Emerson Horve passed away on Wednesday February 10, 2021 peacefully at home at the age of 84. Bill was born August 29, 1936 in Decatur IL. He graduated from Decatur High and joined the U.S. Army and trained as a machinist while serving in Germany. He met and married his wife Regina in 1958 before returning to the United States.

Bill started his career as a draftsman before working as a machinist and worked up to being the General Forman of Maintenance at Mueller Company. Over the course of his career he worked at AE Staley, Decatur Foundry, Midland Machine Shop, Marvel Schebler, Springfield Housing Authority and Red Barton.

Bill was active in Judo and attained a rank of 6th degree black belt. He and Regina owned and operated the Decatur Dojo from 1971 to 1980 and coached several players who competed at a national and international level. He was active in the United States Judo Association, held several positions and directed multiple national judo tournaments. His legacy in the sport lives on in the number of students that continue to teach judo today.

He and Regina loved to travel and were able to enjoy many trips together before her death in 2014.

Bill enjoyed many hobbies over the years including scuba diving, genealogy, researching Mueller Company and Decatur history, fishing, boating and he loved living on the lake. He volunteered for the Macon County color guard and DMH thrift shop after his retirement.

He was always up for a good time and enjoyed drinking a beer or two with friends and family and will always be remembered for his smile and easy laughter.

He is survived by his daughter Nicole Horve and partner Brenda Van Eman, granddaughter Andrea Horve and partner Sarah Campo, nephews Jimmy Horve, Mike Horve, Pat Horve, Paul



Obituary

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Horve, Uwe Schaub and niece Heike Schaub Griffiths. He was preceded in death by his wife Regina Horve, son William (Bill) Horve, father Wilbert Horve, mother Ardith Horve and brother Edward (Cookie) Horve.

Rest assured there is a grand poker game occurring in heaven and he will get to watch over his beloved Green Bay Packers.

Funeral services will be held 11:00 AM Saturday February 20, 2021 at Graceland Fairlawn Funeral Home. Visitation will be from 9:30 AM – 11:00 AM Saturday, February 20, 2021 at the funeral home.

Memorials: CEFUCU/Wilbert Horve Judo Memorial Fund.

Condolences may be left to Bill's family at www.gracelandfairlawn.com.

Service will be streamed at

<http://webcast.funeralrecording.com/events/viewer/47853/hash:E78BDD187CCD0957>.



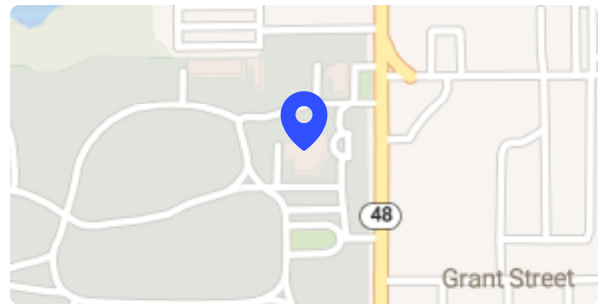
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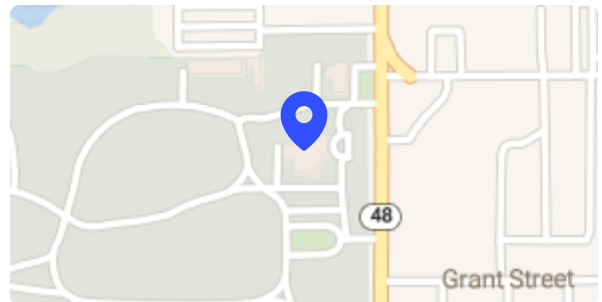
Visitation

- Saturday**, February 20, 2021
- 9:30 AM CT
- Graceland Fairlawn Funeral Home**
2091 N. Oakland Avenue, Decatur IL 62526



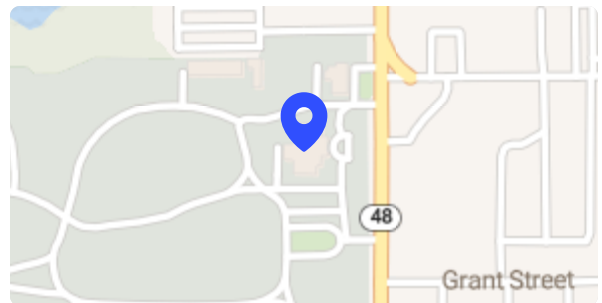
Funeral Service

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Cemetery Details

- Graceland Cemetery**
2091 N. Oakland Avenue, Decatur IL 62526
- (217) 615-0724**





Tribute Wall

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RL

Robert Lamb posted:

i knew Bill many years here in Decatur, and whenever he and Regina were at a party , it was always a good time. After retiring we started spending winters in South Alabama, which Bill had been doing for 3 or 4 years.The very first time down there he took us under his wing and drove us all over the place and was an excellent tour guide. We visited an unlimited number of watering holes, and every place that had a special on oysters that particular day.He knew everyone of them.. We had a great time with both of them.I'll always remember his spirit and his quick wit. Fun guy!!!!!!Godspeed Bill ... Bob and Linda Lamb

February 17 at 5:45 AM

JD

John O'dell lit a candle in honor of Wilbert.

Condolences to Nicole and Brenda. I will always remember Cousin Bill as "Big Bill". The best times I recall with Bill were at Christmas parties at his parents, my Aunt Ardy and Uncle Willy. I will never forget his unique gravelly voice. Bill and Regina would visit our family in Virginia when attending Judo camp and we would see them during summer vacation trips to Decatur.John & Kim O'Dell (Thomson, GA)



February 15 at 6:26 AM

CA

Connie Atkinson February 18 at 3:47 AM

What a great man! I took Judo lessons from him and Regina. They were so much fun to be around! I am sorry for your loss. Connie Atkinson, Decatur Il.

MH

Melissa Hart posted:

Nothing but fun and heart-filled memories at the Horve House! Bill always made you feel welcome and special! Tom and I will always remember the hot tub and drinking Schlitz on Lake Decatur! I will always cherish childhood memories of bar comedy shows where Bill was our number one fan! Our families always shared a special bond and that includes parents and siblings who were taken from us way too soon. May God bless you All during this time, and may the sweet memories remind you that he will always be in your hearts.Melissa and Tom Hart

February 14 at 6:36 AM

JB

Jim Bregman posted:

May his memory be a blessing. Bill paid it forward to many and was a mentor and role model for all. Kind and gentle, thoughtful and sincere. It was an honour to be his friend.

February 13 at 7:02 AM



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Ed & Judy Falk posted:

Friendship, laughter, and great memories will live in our hearts forever. Bill always had time for family and friends. Ed never held it against him being a devoted Packer Fan. We can see that "big smile" as he shouted THE PAC IS BACK. Always in our heart!

February 13 at 3:41 AM



Deb Penning posted:

May you enjoy peace in knowing that he's enjoying a beer, playing poker and knowing what the heck the Packers are going to do next year!!'ve recently learned from personal experience that caring for a loved one who is failing is devastating and consuming. Providing for their needs and wishes is an objective that is often difficult to achieve. Memories of happier times are replaced with sorrow and sadness as they slip away from us.'ve also learned that when they pass it's OK to be relieved in knowing they are at peace.This weekend, I'm going to enjoy a beer for Bill, another for my husband John and his brothers, Larry and Matt and,,,,,,Oops! Sorry Nicole! Guess I could get carried away!Please accept my most sincere wishes that your family find contentment and relief.Deb Penning

February 12 at 7:18 AM



Sherry Levine lit a candle in honor of Wilbert.



February 12 at 4:43 AM



Anna Lael lit a candle in honor of Wilbert.



February 11 at 9:45 PM



Timothy Culbertson posted:

Nicole - I am so sorry for your loss. You're in our thoughts and prayers.

February 11 at 3:10 PM



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Susan Richardson lit a candle in honor of Wilbert.

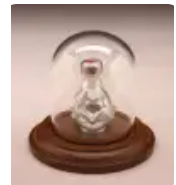
Those sunset pictures he always took from the deck at the house on Lake Decatur always got me. He was such a hard ass on Bill when we were kids, and then he turned into such a soft touch later in life...but I guess we all do eventually. He went out as peaceful as any of us can hope for, and I am glad you were able to be there with him to the end.

February 11 at 2:45 PM



Anonymous sent a Circle of Love Tear Bottle with Mini Dome to the Horve family.

February 11 at 2:32 PM



Anonymous sent a Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum to the Horve family.

February 11 at 1:50 PM



Beverly Huckaba posted:

I've known Bill since we were kids. We graduated from high school together and it was also Jay's fun to be with him and Regina. I know he will be greatly missed by his many friends. Deepest sympathy to Nicole and Brenda and the rest of his family. 💙🙏🙏

February 11 at 1:48 PM



Leisa West lit a candle in honor of Wilbert.

February 11 at 12:50 PM





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Leisa West posted:

Coach and family made such an impact on my life. I am so thankful for all the years and support he and Regina provided me! He was such an amazing leader and coach! Thank you for all the sacrifices and work for so many years! Leisa

February 11 at 12:48 PM



Anonymous sent a Beautiful in Blue to the Horve family.



February 11 at 11:48 AM



Memories only last if you share them

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



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