



William Jay "Bill" Schaafsma

July 10, 1937 - February 19, 2019

William Jay "Bill" Schaafsma, age 81, of Wichert, passed away Tuesday, February 19, 2019 in Kankakee.

He was born July 10, 1937 in Wichert, the son of Jake & Gertrude Vanderwal Schaafsma.

Bill married JoAnn Kinney on September 7, 1962 in Momence.

Bill was a lifelong farmer in the Wichert area.

He proudly served in the U.S. Navy for 2 years.

Bill was a member of the First Reformed Church of Wichert.

He enjoyed his family, going to his kid's and grandkid's sporting events, and visiting with other farmers and friends.

Surviving are his wife, JoAnn Schaafsma of Wichert; one son, Doug & Cara Schaafsma of Charleston, SC; two daughters, Sue & Chuck Christensen of Frankfort, and Jill & Ernie Shafer of Frankfort; twelve grandchildren, Emma, Cal, Mina, Ty, and Audra Schaafsma, Jack, Ben, Jade, and Owen Christensen, and Max, Sam, and Ava Shafer; and one brother-in-law, Ken Fruendt.

He is preceded in death by his parents; and one sister, Kathleen Fruendt.

Visitation will be held from 9:00 a.m. until the 11:00 a.m. funeral service on Saturday, February 23, 2019 at the First Reformed Church of Wichert.

Interment will follow at St. Anne Township Cemetery in St. Anne.

Memorials may be made to the First Reformed Church of Wichert or Alzheimer's Association.

Arrangements by Clancy-Gernon-Houk Funeral Home in St. Anne.

Cemetery Details

St. Anne Township Cemetery

South Route 1
St. Anne, IL 60964
(815) 427-8346

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB **23**. 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

First Reformed Church of Wichert
St. Anne, IL

Funeral Service

FEB **23**. 11:00 AM (CT)

First Reformed Church of Wichert
St. Anne, IL

Tribute Wall

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“ Sorry to learn of the passing of our "classmate" Bill Schaafsma. Our thoughts and prayers for his family.

Sanda & Bob Bovie

Sandra & Bob Bovie - February 21, 2019 at 09:44 AM

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Our deepest sympathy to the family. We always enjoyed talking to him either in our yard or at Joey's Restaurant in St. Anne.

Al and Mary Pelehowski - February 22, 2019 at 06:37 PM