



William "Bill" Dinkel

May 25, 1928 - December 2, 2022

After living a life focused on faith, family, and friendship, Bill Dinkel died on December 2, 2022, at age 94.

Bill was born May 25, 1928, to Alex and Anna Dinkel in Grainfield, Kansas. The eldest son of the family, his siblings always looked up to him for his wisdom and guidance. Bill was proud to be from Western Kansas and loved his trips back out west.

Bill graduated from eighth grade at Grainfield Elementary School. The responsibility of being the eldest in a growing family called, and he responded by making a contribution economically. At 13 years of age, he worked in the grain mills as a laborer. He later went back to get his high school diploma, graduating from the University of Kansas with his GED. Education was important to him, and he always celebrated the achievements and activities of his grandchildren at the "brain factory."

Bill worked in the construction industry beginning at the age of 16 after the family relocated to Topeka in 1944. He spent 35 years working for Douglas Construction and M.W. Watson Construction in the roles of cement finisher, foreman, and superintendent; and then he owned and operated Dinkel Construction with his son, Billy, beginning in February 1986. He loved being on the job site and prided himself on quality work. He loved talking about and

driving through old jobs to explain the care put into the work.

Bill was a fixture in the community. Throughout his life, he gave his time and talents to a number of organizations. He was a 12-year member of the Shawnee Heights School Board. He was a member of the Knights of Columbus Council #534 and the James W. Gibbons Fourth Degree Assembly of the Knights of Columbus. He was a founding member and longtime parishioner of St. Matthew Catholic Church and School, which he helped build.

Bill is survived by his wife of over 72 years, Mary (Karnowski). They were married May 29, 1950, at Holy Name Catholic Church in Topeka, Kansas. Whether it was traveling the country, watching their grandkids or great-grandkids at an event, or sitting and watching television in their front room, they have been loyal partners in marriage and a model for how love can endure.

He is preceded in death by his parents, Alex and Anna, and four siblings, Helen, Roseley, Laverne (Dolores) and Wilfred. He is survived by two brothers, Cleatus (Sherrie) of Topeka and Elmer (Marilyn) of Overland Park; and two sisters, Leona Frye of Topeka and Ella Roberts of Pratt; six children, Billy (Marcia) Dinkel of Berryton, Becky (Don) Norris of Goodyear, Arizona, Patty (Alan) Bullock of Berryton, Tom (Jeni) Dinkel of Villa Hills, Kentucky, Susie (Richard) Brown of Shawnee, and Cindy Billau of St. George; 13 grandchildren Judd, Matt, Tanner, Angie, Chad, Andrea, Amanda, Kylie, Bret, Taylor, Collin, Alex, and Colby; 21 great-grandchildren; and an extensive network of extended family and friends. Above all else, Bill loved the people in his life.

The Dinkel family thanks all those who've cared for Bill, especially in his later years. Just as he left an impression on you with his kind heart and love for

singing old songs, we will not forget all you did to provide him with comfort and care.

We are comforted at this time by all the special moments we've had with Bill: weddings, birthdays, holidays, dances, and everything in between. Anyone who crossed paths with Bill remembers the joy and humor he brought to any situation. He will be forever missed and always remembered. We hope he was greeted with a red beer by family and friends as he arrived in Heaven.

Bill's family will greet friends from 9 to 10:15 a.m. Saturday, January 14, 2023, at St. Matthew Catholic Church, where the Knights of Columbus Fourth Degree will present the Chalice Ceremony and lead the rosary beginning at 10:15, followed by Family Reflections. Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at 11 a.m., all at the Church. Inurnment will be in Mount Calvary Cemetery.

Memorial contributions are suggested to the Lester and Barbara Wetter Memorial Scholarship Fund (for the Shawnee Heights Public Schools Foundation), to St. Matthew Church or to Gentiva Hospice, all sent in care of Kevin Brennan Family Funeral Home, 2801 SW Urish Road, Topeka KS 66614.

Condolences may be sent online to www.kevinbrennanfamily.com.

Cemetery Details

Mount Calvary Cemetery

801 SW Westchester Rd
Topeka, KS 66606

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 14. 9:00 AM - 10:15 AM (CT)

St. Matthew Catholic Church
2700 SE Virginia Ave
Topeka, KS 66605

Knights of Columbus 4th Degree Chalice Ceremony and Rosary

JAN 14. 10:15 AM (CT)

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Topeka, KS 66605

Family Reflections

JAN 14. 10:45 AM (CT)

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Mass of Christian Burial

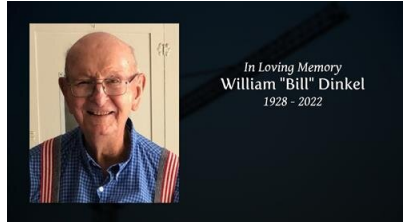
JAN 14. 11:00 AM (CT)

St. Matthew Catholic Church
2700 SE Virginia Ave
Topeka, KS 66605

Tribute Wall



“ Kevin Brennan Family Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of William "Bill" Dinkel



Kevin Brennan Family Funeral Home - January 05, 2023 at 05:17 PM

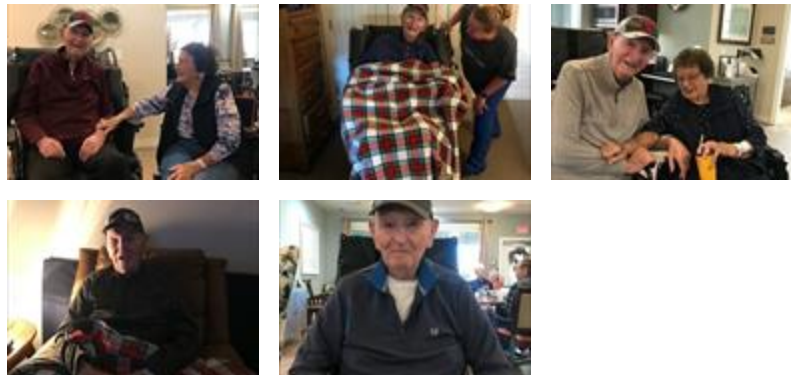


“ William "Bill" Dinkel

January 28, 2023 at 12:08 PM



“ 8 files added to the album Bill's Time at Aldersgate Home Plus



Tabbi Baldwin - January 23, 2023 at 02:58 PM



“ Keeping you all in my thoughts. My deepest sympathy. Pat Pound

Pat Pound - January 14, 2023 at 12:47 PM

JC

*I remember our Branso Trips and Nucomers tothe New Theatre .
Everyone would look over how long you be able to stag
We loved you. You have hundreds who are waiting to say HI they loved
and missed*

Jcmbmelvin - January 26, 2023 at 11:26 PM



“ *Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of
William "Bill" Dinkel.*



January 13, 2023 at 03:58 PM

HT

“ *Heartfelt prayers, Sally, Abby, & Tom purchased
the Gracious Lavender Basket for the family of
William "Bill" Dinkel.*



Heartfelt prayers, Sally, Abby, & Tom - January 13, 2023 at
01:03 PM

CT

“ *What wonderful memories I have of all the good times Kenny and I
had with Bill and Mary. Football games, trips, dances. My heart is
heavy but I will always have those memories. Hugs to all the family.*

Carol Trimble - January 12, 2023 at 01:19 PM

TG

“ When a light leaves us to shine with God in the heavens, it is up to us to shine a little brighter. May Bill's light that he shared with so many help us accomplish this for all who are here to honor his memory.

The staff at St. Joseph EEC

Theresa Gavila - January 11, 2023 at 10:55 PM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of William "Bill" Dinkel.



January 11, 2023 at 08:37 PM

RF

“ Randy, Donna, and family purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of William "Bill" Dinkel.



Randy, Donna, and family - January 09, 2023 at 10:17 AM



“ Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of William "Bill" Dinkel.



January 07, 2023 at 03:07 PM

WB

“ *Patty and Alan, We were so sorry to hear about Bill's passing. you have our deepest sympathy in this difficult time. Bill and Carol Bliss.*



William Bliss - January 07, 2023 at 01:22 PM

JM

“ *Bill was such a sweetheart, kind, funny and he had such a great smile and was easy to talk to . My thoughts and prayers go out to all of his family, he will be missed so much. Heaven has gained a great ANGEL..*

Judy McMillan - December 29, 2022 at 08:13 PM

RB

“ *I'am so sorry to hear of Bill's passing! He was a great friend and will be missed. I first met Bill in 1953 I had just graduated from High School and didn't know anything about concrete paving. He took the time to show me everything. From that day we were good friends. I always admired him as a boss and as a teacher in ever job we did together. My condolences to all his family. Richard Bradshaw*

Richard A Bradshaw - December 21, 2022 at 09:30 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of William "Bill" Dinkel.*



December 20, 2022 at 11:13 AM

DH

“ To the entire Dinkel family, Our sincere sympathies go out to all of you for your loss.
Bill was a role model to anyone who knew him. I feel privileged to have known him and to call him my friend. Our thoughts and prayers are with you,
Dave & Marcia Herrman

Dave Herrman - December 19, 2022 at 08:17 PM

TK

“ What a good man you lived life with Aunt Mary. Our thoughts and prayers are with you and all of your family.
Love....Tom and Debbie Karnowski

Tom Karnowski - December 19, 2022 at 08:10 AM

RJ

“ What a great man Bill was
I always enjoyed running into Bill on job sites and visiting with him.
Bill had a smile o his face ever time I would see him
RIP

Randy' Jordan - December 18, 2022 at 09:27 AM

SJ

“ Patty & Alan
Please accept our deepest condolences in the loss of your Dad. May He Rest In Peace & God Speed.
Sis & Wilbur Stum, Jr.



Sis & Wilbur Stum, Jr. - December 17, 2022 at 09:59 PM

MN

“ For years I would run into Bill at the service station or Dillons. Later on I would see him sitting on a bench at Dillons and would sit down and visit with him. I always thought of him being a very nice and kind gentleman. I have missed seeing him, and always liked his stories. God bless him, and his family.

Marv Neukirch - December 17, 2022 at 02:50 PM

DM

So sorry to hear about the passing of Uncle Bill. I never heard of red beer until my last visit to Topeka when he took a bunch of us out for my first red beer. I really enjoyed it. He was a great man and what I remember most about him is he always had a smile on his face. My thoughts and prayers go out to the family and Aunt Mary. Love and miss you all.

Don Morrow - December 17, 2022 at 10:17 PM

DH

“ Mary and family,
Bill was such a great example of how to live a Christian life, how to serve your community, and how to have a long loving marriage. Thank you, Bill, for your example of how to serve God, your family and all the many lives you have touched. Your kindness will be greatly missed.
May God comfort all of you through your many friends, family member and memories of a life well lived.
I have fought the good fight.
I have won the race,
I have kept the faith,
Well done my good and faithful servant.
Randy and Donna Horn

donna horn - December 17, 2022 at 01:02 PM

TP

“ I am so sorry for your loss. What an amazing human being Bill was. His life was a definition of what life should be. Loved by all who were lucky enough to know him! May it bring peace to you all knowing he is in heaven where true home is. I will be praying for all of you during such a difficult time. Cherish all the memories of him as you keep him living through you!



Terri Pease - December 17, 2022 at 08:54 AM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of William "Bill" Dinkel.



December 16, 2022 at 06:53 PM

ES

“ What a wonderful life. May his memory be a treasure to all the Dinkel family.

Elizabeth Syverson - December 16, 2022 at 06:42 PM

GB

“ So sorry to hear about your loss. Thinking of all of your family in this time of sorrow.

Greg Jill Brungardt - December 13, 2022 at 08:51 PM

SA

“ Bill and Mary always made kids feel welcomed in their home. My deepest sympathy to all of the Dinkel family.

Shirley Anderson - December 13, 2022 at 08:18 PM

JP

“ Dear Mary and Family,
Our deepest sympathy for your loss. We have great memories of Bill and feel very blessed to have known him. You are each in our thoughts and prayers.
Jack and Jane Pierce



Jack and Jane Pierce - December 10, 2022 at 09:04 PM

DG

“ Bill and Mary are a big part of my memories. We had great times camping, water skiing and just having lots of fun. My love and hugs to the family. God bless all. Deanna Graybeal-Lovato. Yuma, AZ

Deanna Graybeal-Lovato - December 08, 2022 at 05:51 PM

RG

“ My condolences to all the Dinkel family. Bill will surely be missed by us all. He leaves a wealth of memories and stories to each of us. God's blessings to each of you.
Ron Graybeal

Ron Graybeal - December 08, 2022 at 03:59 PM

LD

“ Billy,

Sorry to hear of your dad's passing. Think of you and the whole Dinkel Construction group quite a bit. I hope you and your family are doing well and will pray for Bill and your family. Thanks for what he and you did for me!

Loren Dekat

Loren Dekat - December 06, 2022 at 12:51 PM

BN

“ *Many wonderful memories shared with Bill, Mary, and all the Dinkel family.*

We are going to miss him!

Brad and Susie Neeley 🍷💕💕

Brad Neeley - December 05, 2022 at 10:25 PM

CW

“ *Dinkel family, We are saddened to learn of the passing of your dear Father. May God bless and comfort you during this difficult time.*

Cherish the great memories you have.

Hugs, Corwyn & Linda

Corwyn Wenke - December 05, 2022 at 08:33 PM

AZ

“ *To the Entire Dinkel Family*

Mr Dinkel always had a smile and always asked how the family was doing. God bless you all with many wonderful memories of a good and faithful man.

Alice and Kenny Ziegler

ALICE ZIEGLER - December 05, 2022 at 03:56 PM

RS

“ *To the Dinkel Family,
Please accept our prayers and condolences. Bill was a very
welcoming friend and always a pleasure to visit with.
Rick and Kathy*

Rick Strecker - December 05, 2022 at 02:37 PM

LV

“ *RIP Bill My condolences to the Dinkel family.*

Lavon J. Vossen - December 05, 2022 at 12:50 PM

JJ

*Dinkel family,
Uncle Bill was always a sweet and warm person. We loved his
company and all of you cousins. Condolences and love to each one of
you.*

John&Marilyn Immenschuh - December 09, 2022 at 11:16 AM

SH

*Billy, Marsha and dear Mother Mary. We are saddened about Bill's
passing and so sorry for your entire family. We enjoyed all the bleacher
time together and fun Fourth of July's. He was always so much fun to
be around He made you think he might be here forever!
Sincere sympathy*

Steve and Sue Huston - December 15, 2022 at 02:42 PM

BR

*To Mary and all the Dinkel family, thinking of you and sending my
sympathy to each of you. I will always remember our visits at Atria.*

Betty Reser - December 17, 2022 at 10:46 AM