



## William "Bill" Kastens

October 5, 1930 - April 2, 2018

William "Bill" Kastens, 87, Topeka, Kansas, passed away Monday, April 2, 2018.

Bill was born October 5, 1930, in Anthony, Kansas, the son of Hermie and Lissie Davis Kastens. After attending Kansas State University for two years, he served in the United States Navy from 1950 to 1954. Bill married Monica Schulte on November 20, 1954, at St. Vincent DePaul Church in San Francisco, California; she preceded him in death in 2013. After their wedding, he completed his Bachelor's and Master's in Agronomy at KSU. Bill's first job with the U.S. Department of Agriculture in Topeka in 1957 became a life-long career; moving him to Columbus, Ohio, Woodbridge, Virginia, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma and back to Topeka in 1970. He retired January 1987, from the Topeka USDA Office as a Statistician. Bill was a member of the Optimist Club, Christ the King Catholic Church, Knights of Columbus and the USS Piedmont Reunion Organization. He was a devoted supporter of Christ the King Church and Grade School and Hayden High School.

Bill is survived by his children, Donald Kastens (Gayle), Marilyn Kastens (Ken), Will Kastens, David Kastens (Mary Ann), LeeAnn Kastens and Ruth Kastens; nine grandchildren; one great-grandson; and sister-in-law, Dorothy Kastens. He was preceded in death by a grandchild; brother, Dean Kastens; and sister, Doris Kastens.

Visitation will be 9:15 to 10:30 a.m. Saturday, at Christ the King Catholic Church, 5973 SW 25th Street, Topeka KS 66614, when a parish rosary will be prayed at 10:30 a.m. Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at 11 a.m. at the Church. Burial to follow in Mount Hope Cemetery.

Memorial contributions are suggested to Marian Dental Clinic and Christ the King Church, sent in care of Kevin Brennan Family Funeral Home, 2801 SW Urish Road, Topeka KS 66614.

# Cemetery Details

## Mount Hope Cemetery

4700 SW 17th Street  
Topeka, KS 66604

# Previous Events

## Visitation

APR 7. 9:15 AM - 10:30 AM (CT)

Christ the King Catholic Church  
5973 SW 25th Street  
Topeka, KS 66614

## Rosary

APR 7. 10:30 AM (CT)

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## Mass of Christian Burial

APR 7. 11:00 AM (CT)

Christ the King Catholic Church  
5973 SW 25th Street  
Topeka, KS 66614



# Tribute Wall



“ *William "Bill" Kastens*

January 28, 2023 at 12:08 PM



“ *Dear Kastens Family,*

*Sincere condolences on the loss of your father. Our prayers are with you at this time. There may be some comfort in knowing he is now beside the love of his life, Monica. Together they forged a companionship which led to a close spiritual and adventurous life. We cousins had many great times together in Orient, SD and when your family traveled to Aurora, IL. There are many later memories of Uncle Bill and Monica sitting down for a good conversation--always resulting in a great story with Uncle Bill expressing an opinion or two. He was a task master-- loyal to his many friends-- and he shared his skills, common sense attitude and friendly nature with all of us. His was a good life script.*

*With Love, Prayers and Many Blessings to the Kastens Family--  
from the Muth Family:*

*Sharon Jakush and Family; Bill Muth; Tom Muth and Family; Pat  
Patterson and JoAnne Zielinski and Family*

Sharon Jakush - April 23, 2018 at 06:06 PM



“ *Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of William "Bill" Kastens.*



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April 06, 2018 at 02:28 PM



“ *Beautiful Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of William "Bill" Kastens.*



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April 06, 2018 at 01:39 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of William "Bill" Kastens.*



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April 06, 2018 at 01:34 PM

MJ

“ Dear Cousins,

*Sending my prayers and sincerest condolences on the loss of your father. I hope you find comfort in the memories of his remarkable life and in knowing he has been reunited with your dear mother.*

*I always appreciated that your parents took the time out from their many travels to stop in Aurora to visit with my mother, Aunt Jo, and Aunt Madelyn, and I enjoyed visiting with them as well. We were all so pleased when they were able to join us one year on a trip to Ormand Beach FL and another time in Dallas. Good memories.*

*God bless all of you.*

*Marilyn Jacobsen*

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**Marilyn Jacobsen** - April 06, 2018 at 11:55 AM

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“ OUHSC GI Family purchased the *With Distinction* for the family of William "Bill" Kastens.



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**OUHSC GI Family** - April 06, 2018 at 08:43 AM

JM

“ To Bill's Family: We send our sympathy and prayers. May the promise of Christ's resurrection bring you hope and peace. We were honored to know your father. God Bless You All.

*Jake and Carole Mertz*

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**Jake and Carole Mertz** - April 05, 2018 at 06:20 PM

UA

“ USS Piedmont Association purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of William "Bill" Kastens.



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**USS Piedmont Association** - April 05, 2018 at 05:30 PM

RW

“ Bill was a great man who lead the USS Piedmont reunion Association with pride and friendship to all in our group. We will miss him very much but take comfort in knowing that he has been reunited with his beloved Monica. Rest in Peace Dear friend and Fair Winds and Following Seas on your trip.

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**Robert Williams** - April 05, 2018 at 12:45 PM

DC

“ Bill,

*I hope to see you on the other side. You ALWAYS made the wife and I feel welcome and you always called me Doc. I truly enjoyed each of the reunions we attended visiting with you and our other shipmates.*

*Maybe the Piedmont will be there when we enter the pearly gates.*

*Dennis "Doc" Chandler HM2C  
1966-1967*

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**Dennis Chandler** - April 04, 2018 at 11:35 PM

RS

“ *Bill was one of the finest gentlemen I have known. With Monica, their generous nature was second to none. We have lost a wonderful man, but I am sure he is happy to be with her again.*

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**Rick Strecker** - April 04, 2018 at 10:14 PM