



## William R. Burmeister

March 15, 1931 - August 24, 2017

William R. Burmeister passed away on August 24, 2017 at the age of 86 while under home hospice care in Northport. Bill was born on March 15, 1931 in Republic, the son of the late Ervin and Violet (Zeober) Burmeister. Bill grew up in a log cabin in the U.P. His early years were spent in the U.P. and Appleton, Wisconsin. The family moved to lower Michigan in 1944. He enlisted in the Army in 1947 at 16 and spent three years in Korea and Japan. After an honorable discharge, Bill worked in a drug store as a sales person. In 1955, he opened his own drug store in Allegan, later closed the store in 1965 and moved to Leelanau County. Bill found his Serenity Shack in 1976 in Northport. He enjoyed many years of the priceless gift of serenity which he shared with others, helping them to see the many gratitude's in their lives. Later he started a lawn service, window washing and home security business. Bill leaves behind his loving wife of 22 years, Janet; daughters, Glenda (Richard) Blanch and Christine (Art) Bauman; stepchildren, Brian (Jenn) Kawa, Andrea (Anthony) Fera and James Kawa; he was a loving grandfather of 12 grandchildren and 25 great grandchildren. Bill was preceded in death by the mother of his children, Marion; children, Wendy Roberts and Richard Burmeister; and his 9 brothers and sisters. You may have known him as Billy B, Bill, Bompie, Grandpa or Dad. Bill enjoyed spending time with his grandchildren in the summer and reminiscing on the story of Dog Man. His stories and memories will always be remembered by his loved ones. A memorial service will be held on October 14th at 11:00 a.m. at Bethany

Lutheran Church in Northport. Condolences can be left online for the family at [wolfeoneill.com](http://wolfeoneill.com) Arrangements were made by Wolfe-O'Neill Funeral Home, our family serving yours.

# Tribute Wall



“ *William R. Burmeister*

January 30, 2023 at 04:02 AM



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January 30, 2023 at 01:03 AM



“ *Janet and family, our sympathies and blessings to you all. Bill B. was a great friend. -- The Drummond Family*

September 06, 2017 at 12:00 AM



“ *Janet and family, We are so sorry of hearing of Bill's passing. He was such a kind and wonderful man. Our thoughts and prayers are with you all. Curt and Beth Richter and family.*

September 05, 2017 at 12:00 AM



“ *What a truly wonderful man, I've had the pleasure of knowing for the past 34 years...I'm sad to see you go, but I know you had to Janet and all your kids and your program friends will miss your positive, loving heart & soul. I know your spirit is with us. I'll try to remember my gratitudes ! With love and respect, so long friend.*

**Marilyn B** - August 30, 2017 at 12:00 AM