



William E. Canada

April 26, 1962 - June 2, 2023

William Eldridge “Bill or Billy” Canada, beloved husband, father, brother, uncle, and friend to many passed away, Friday, June 2, 2023 near Delavan, IL while checking seed corn field progress.

He was 61.

He was born on April 26, 1962 in Pekin, IL son of Eldridge “Bill” and Joyce (Hailey) Canada who preceded him in death.

He was a 1980 graduate of Forman High School.

Bill grew up on a farm in the Springlake bottoms thus influencing not only his life’s work of growing seed corn but also his passion for the outdoors. He loved to fish, spending many hours over the local levee and at Springlake. As he grew up and the family moved to town he also became a passionate waterfowl hunter and more than proficient duck and goose caller.

Bill constantly challenged himself to improve his ability to call ducks and geese. He competitively called in contests across Illinois and neighboring states to earn the invitation of competing in the World Championship Contest held annually in Stuttgart, AR. Bill competed in the World Championship contest 4 times between 1983-1987 with 6th place being his best finish.

Bill worked at Sommer Bros. Seed company in production from 1980-2007 at

which time he transitioned to Remington Seeds LLC and planned to retire in August of 2024.

He was an avid duck hunter and fisherman. He shared his passion for both with his wife, sons, family and friends creating lasting memories for which they will be forever thankful.

Bill's legacy of love for his family will continue to live on through his sons and the lives they are creating for themselves. As they walk in his footsteps with a strong work ethic, love and commitment to family and friends they will keep making him proud. Bill gave them their love for the outdoors and they will forever honor their legacy by continuing to pass on to following generations the same passion for waterfowl hunting and fishing as well as the importance of preserving the traditions that they were taught regarding the circle of life.

He married the love of his life Lori Nowlin on June 11, 1988. She survives, as do his sons Bo (fiancée Shelby Berry) Canada & Alex (Maria Benedict) Canada all of Manito and his sister Lori (Jim) Wolfe of Forest City as well as several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents and his sister Lisa (Canada) Pherigo.

He will be greatly missed by all who knew him.

Previous Events

Visitation

JUN 8. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ Hurley Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of William E. Canada



Hurley Funeral Home - June 08, 2023 at 11:41 AM



Beautiful tribute to Bill. All the things and people that he loved and held dear in 1 video. He will be greatly missed. Hugs to you all and lots of praying for comfort.

Gina Richardson - June 08, 2023 at 05:39 PM



Loved the video. Condolences to the entire family. Went to school with Bill was in class of 1980.

Debbie (Hodges)Wright - June 11, 2023 at 12:27 AM



What a beautiful tribute...Billie, my friend, your life here on earth was cut short due to being called upon by a Higher Power, our Lord Jesus Christ, but your legacy will live on brother. Our hunt together you promised will just have to wait a bit. My deepest & sincerest condolences to the Canada family.

Mark Stevens - June 12, 2023 at 05:26 PM



Bill will be greatly missed in the community everytime I would Drive into Manito I always looked to see if Billies Boat was hooked up and ready to go. My condolences to the whole family.

John Lee - June 12, 2023 at 05:59 PM

KH

Wow what a beautiful keepsake of precious memories!

Karen S Himmel - June 13, 2023 at 12:09 AM

DM

Lori (and family) , deepest sympathy - a life gone too soon. watching the video what beautiful memories he left. Prayers, diana (tholen) Martin (worked at Mason district w you)

Diana Martin - June 13, 2023 at 06:19 PM

JM

What a wonderful tribute... so sorry for your loss

Jennie Pierson - Muth - July 04, 2023 at 08:38 AM

PA

“ *With sincere condolences to the Canada family.*

Paul and Jeanie Ackerman - February 01, 2024 at 09:13 AM

D(

“ *Bill was a great person & good friend. He will truly be missed. My heart goes out to the entire family. Debbie (Hodges) Wright. RIP Bill until we meet again 🙏*

Debbie (Hodges)Wright - June 10, 2023 at 08:15 PM



KS

“ *kat smart lit a candle in memory of William Canada*

kat smart - June 10, 2023 at 03:33 PM



NE

“ *Nancy Elliott lit a candle in memory of William Canada*



Nancy Elliott - June 10, 2023 at 10:38 AM

PZ

“ *Pam Ziegler lit a candle in memory of William Canada*



Pam Peterson Ziegler - June 09, 2023 at 10:53 AM

LW

“ *Lori Dan Wright lit a candle in memory of William Canada*



Lori and Dan Wright - June 08, 2023 at 07:55 PM

DS

“ *Lori and family — so sorry for your family’s loss. May you be comforted with your memories and the knowledge that he’s in his heavenly home. Sending prayers for of peace and comfort for each of you. Deb & Marvin Smith*

Debbie Smith - June 08, 2023 at 05:05 PM

SK

“ *The smiles in the pictures showed what love you guys had for one another. Peace and comfort for the upcoming days. Bill was just that guy, always a kind and nice person. One of the good ones. Scott and Deb Kalhammer*

Scott and Deb Kalhammer - June 08, 2023 at 03:53 PM

JP

“ *So very sorry for you and the boy's' loss ❤️. You are in my thoughts and prayers 🙏🙏*

JoDee & Mark Pedigo - June 08, 2023 at 12:59 PM



“ *Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of William E. Canada.*



June 08, 2023 at 12:36 PM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of William E. Canada.*



June 08, 2023 at 12:24 PM

CC

“ Cheryl Cockerham lit a candle in memory of William Canada



Cheryl Cockerham - June 08, 2023 at 10:51 AM



“ Blue Caribbean Bouquet was purchased for the family of William E. Canada.



June 08, 2023 at 10:45 AM



“ Blue Caribbean Bouquet was purchased for the family of William E. Canada.



June 07, 2023 at 12:58 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of William E. Canada.

June 07, 2023 at 10:09 AM



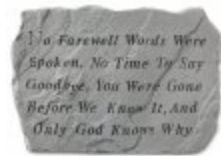
“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of William E. Canada.*



June 07, 2023 at 10:09 AM



“ *Garden Accent Stone - "No Farewell Words Were Spoken" was purchased for the family of William E. Canada.*



June 07, 2023 at 08:52 AM



“ *Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of William E. Canada.*



June 06, 2023 at 03:06 PM



“ *Sorry for your loss Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family 🙏*



Dan and Chris Wilson - June 06, 2023 at 09:41 AM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of William E. Canada.*



June 06, 2023 at 08:24 AM



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of William E. Canada.*



June 05, 2023 at 11:28 PM



“ *Lisa Thompson lit a candle in memory of William Canada*



Lisa Jill Thompson - June 05, 2023 at 10:56 PM



“ *Cheryl Cockerham lit a candle in memory of William Canada*



Cheryl Emmons Cockerham - June 05, 2023 at 10:45 PM

SS

“ Steve Kim Singley lit a candle in memory of William Canada



Steve and Kim Singley - June 05, 2023 at 08:49 PM

LM

“ Lynne McDaniel lit a candle in memory of William Canada



Lynne McDaniel - June 05, 2023 at 06:33 PM



“ Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of William E. Canada.



June 05, 2023 at 06:23 PM

KM

“ So sad to hear about this. Billy was a great and a hell of an out doors man. I never saw Billy with out a huge smile on his face. Prayers to Lori and the whole family!

kirk mills - June 05, 2023 at 04:00 PM

DB

“ Sorry for your family’s loss 🙏



Donzia Boggs - June 05, 2023 at 03:16 PM

MH

“ Mary Herring lit a candle in memory of William Canada



Mary Herring - June 05, 2023 at 01:50 PM



“ Small Garden Dish was purchased for the family of William E. Canada.



June 05, 2023 at 01:08 PM