



William M. Rattenborg

December 25, 2022

William Milo Rattenborg, age 89 of Ft. Collins died Dec. 25, 2022, Christmas Day, at Poudre Valley Hospital, Ft. Collins. A memorial service will be held at 11:00 AM Tuesday, Jan. 3 at St. John's Lutheran Church in Ft. Collins. Interment in Cedar Falls, Iowa will take place in the spring.

Bill was born in Atlantic, Iowa in 1933 to Harry and Martha Rattenborg. He graduated from Atlantic High School in 1951 and earned his degree in civil engineering from Iowa State University in 1955. He married Christine Valentine on Dec. 26, 1958 in Cedar Falls, Iowa. Over their 64 year marriage, they lived in Iowa, Illinois, Wyoming, and Colorado Springs before settling into retirement in Fort Collins.

At the beginning of his career, Bill served as a civil engineer for the US Air Force before becoming a civil engineer for Iowa Bridge in 1959. He joined Pittsburgh Des Moines Steel Company in 1960 rising to the title of plant manager. Under his leadership, they fabricated the steel for the beautiful arched bridge on I-280 that spans the Mississippi River between Davenport, Iowa, and Rock Island, Illinois. Bill completed his career as a civil engineer at Peterson Air Base and Falcon Air Base in Colorado Springs, retiring in 1996. Bill also served in the Air National Guard/Reserves, achieving the rank of Lt. Colonel.

Bill was an active longtime member of St. John Lutheran Church in Ft. Collins. He enjoyed camping, boating, fishing, and playing golf.

He is survived by his wife, Christine; son, Gregory (and Karen) Rattenborg of Ft. Collins; two granddaughters, Evan and Emma; and his sister Mary. He was preceded in death by his daughters, Leslie Rae and Ruth Alison Rattenborg, his sister Joanne, and his brother Jerry.

Contributions may be made in Bill's honor to St. John's Lutheran Church in Ft. Collins.

Previous Events

Memorial Service

JAN 3. 11:00 AM (MT)

Saint John's Lutheran Church
305 East Elizabeth Street
Fort Collins, CO 80524
<http://www.stjohnsfc.org/>

Tribute Wall

ML

“ Uncle Bill was a kind and beautiful man. He loved family and was always truly interested in how you were doing. I am so glad we were able to see him and Christine this summer. A true testament of what love and marriage looks like. Thank you for being my godfather and give dad a big hug for us. ❤️

Marla Loecke - December 31, 2022 at 12:30 AM

BW

“ We will truly miss him, he was a great guy and was always interested in what you were doing. He was always wanting to learn new things. Our love goes out to Aunt Christine and the rest of the family. God gained an angel today. I can see him greeting his beautiful daughters and siblings.

Love you all,
Becky and Don Williams

Becky Williams - December 28, 2022 at 05:18 PM

KV

Uncle Bill was a true Gentle-man. Like my father and Uncle Donald, he was a brilliant, stoic engineer who was kind and strong with a quick wit and quiet sense of humor . They all exemplified the best of their generation and were everything a good man could ever hope to be. My deepest condolences, prayers and love go out to his heartbroken Sweetheart of 64 years and his other family and friends What a blessing to have known him. 💕💔🦋

Kathryn Valentine - December 29, 2022 at 01:19 PM

LW

I am sorry to learn of your father's passing Greg. He raised a great son so I know he was the good man everyone affirms. My sympathy to you and Karen. Linda Wagner(from years ago at First Pres)

linda wagner - January 01, 2023 at 04:39 PM

LR

Chris, I was sorry to see that Bill has passed. I hope you are doing well. Fond memories of time spent quilting with you.

Lynn Rutenberg - January 05, 2023 at 02:39 PM