

In Loving Memory Of

William P. “Bill” Lehman Jr.

William P. Lehman Jr. was born August 13, 1952 to William Sr. and Mary Lou (Pundsack) Lehman at the Faulk County Hospital in Faulkton, SD. The family lived near Seneca where Bill attended North Canton School thru the 8th grade. He graduated from Faulkton High School in 1970 and went on to receive his Ag Degree from South Dakota State University in Brookings in 1975.

Bill's first teaching job was at Todd County in 1976. From 1978 to 1984 he filled the Ag position with the Gettysburg School system before becoming the farm manager for Brown Farms from 1984 to 1987. In 1987 Bill went back to teaching. He taught one year in Eagle Butte and then continued his career at Gettysburg High School from 1988 until the present. He spent many hours driving the school bus and also cleaned pheasants for Paul Nelson Farms during hunting season.

Bill had such a love for his students and community. He worked on adding programs that would teach them both entrepreneurial and life skills. Over the years he has built the Gettysburg Ag and FFA program into one of the best in the state. He wanted to make sure that each and every kid had a chance to find love for their country, farmland, animals, and community. Bill started the Pig Project, the Relay for Life Demolition Car Raffle, and helped with many other worthwhile causes.

On January 28, 1977, Bill was married to Cathy Wager and to this union three children were born: Sara, Amanda, and Casey. Bill married Peggy Schaunaman at Fron Church in Roslyn on June 5, 1993.

He was a member of Sacred Heart Catholic Church, the Ionic Lodge #83 of Gettysburg, and the Potter County Fair Board. Bill has been a member of the SD Association of Agricultural Educators for 33 years, serving on the executive board from 1993 to 1997. He has received numerous awards including: the Honorary State Degree from SD FFA Association (1996), Outstanding Education Teacher Award (2003), Middle and Secondary School Education Agricultural Program Award (2004), Region III NAAE Ideas Unlimited Winner (2007), Distinguished Service Award from SD FFA Association (2011), and the SDAAE Teacher Mentor Award (2012).

Bill's life will be treasured by his wife: Peggy of Gettysburg; his children: Sara (David) Mitchell of Cibolo, TX, Amanda (Dexter) Allen of Colorado Springs, CO, Casey (Amie Morgan) Lehman of Gettysburg, Casey Jo (Josh Kukrall) Schaunaman of Aurora, SD, and Aaron (Tasha Flihs) Barse of Aberdeen; eleven grandchildren; sisters: Laura Hartley of Ipswich, Coleen Freeman of Aberdeen, and Joleen Christman of Aberdeen; brothers: Joseph (Rena) Lehman of Aberdeen, Ben Lehman of Indianapolis, IN, Travis Lehman and Matt Lehman; mother-in-law: Judy Schaunaman of Roslyn and several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his paternal and maternal grandparents; his parents, Bill and Mary Lou Lehman; his brothers: Ed, Jay Dee, and Brian; sister: Linda Switzenberg; father-in-law, Clarence Schaunaman; nephew, Dustin Christman and several aunts and uncles.

WAKE SERVICE: 4:00 p.m., Saturday, September 22, 2012
Sacred Heart Catholic Church ~ Gettysburg, South Dakota

MASS OF CHRISTIAN BURIAL: 2:00 p.m., Sunday, September 23, 2012
Gettysburg High School Gym ~ Gettysburg, South Dakota

OFFICIATING: Fr. Jerry Kopel

LECTOR: Julie Poeppel

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS: Veronica Wager, Rita Briscoe, Eugene Nagel

ALTAR SERVERS: Alex Nagel and Cody Simon

OFFERTORY: “Grandkids”

Naomi, Braden, Isaac and Kacen Mitchell,
Cole and Chase Kukrall, Terrill, Taylan and Taryn Allen

CASKETBEARERS: “Ag Students”

Dennis Maude (2013), Jordan Ackerman (2011), Chris Breen (2002),
Adam Nagel (2002), Chad Falkenhagen (1998), Eric Falkenhagen (1996),
Kelly Kirby (1986), John Lake (1979)

HONORARY CASKETBEARERS: “Nephews”

Don Bidwell, Chad Bidwell, Randy Dobberpuhl, Justin Lehman, Ed Flad,
Matthew Engelstad, Will Christman, Chip Christman, Kris Lehman,
Isaac Lehman, Ian Lehman, Benjamin Lehman, Jr.
Ag Students Past and Present

REMEMBRANCES: Justin Penrod and Dawn Nagel

USHERS: Valeree Devine, Dawn Nagel, Jackie Eikamp, Bridget Nagel

MUSICIANS: Judy Robbennolt & Sacred Heart Choir

MUSICAL SELECTIONS: “Precious Lord, Take My Hand”
“Here I Am Lord” “Remembrance” “On Eagle’s Wings”
“The Prayer” “Finally Home” “Song of Farewell” “How Great Thou Art”

INTERMENT:

St. Boniface Catholic Cemetery ~ Seneca, South Dakota

Safely Home

*I am home in Heaven, dear ones;
Oh, so happy and so bright!
There is perfect joy and beauty
In this everlasting light.*

*All the pain and grief is over,
Every restless tossing passed;
I am now at peace forever,
Safely home in Heaven at last.*

*Did you wonder why I so calmly
Trod the valley of the shade?
Oh! but Jesus' love illumined
Every dark and fearful glade.*

*And He came Himself to meet me
In that way so hard to tread;
And with Jesus' arm to lean on,
Could I have one doubt or dread?*

*Then you must not grieve so sorely,
For I love you dearly still;
Try to look beyond earth's shadows,
Pray to trust our Father's Will.*

*There is work still waiting for you,
So you must not idly stand;
Do it now, while life remaineth--
You shall rest in Jesus' land.*

*When that work is all completed,
He will gently call you Home;
Oh, the rapture of the meeting,
Oh, the joy to see you come!*



A Celebration Of Life



William P. "Bill" Lehman Jr.

August 13, 1952 – September 19, 2012

*Advisor: "The owl is a time honored emblem of
knowledge and wisdom. Being older than the rest
of you, I am asked to advise you from time
to time, as the need arises. I hope that my
advice will always be based on true
knowledge and ripened with wisdom*