



## William "Bill" Bergen

October 13, 1941 - August 21, 2014

Sutton resident William D. "Bill" Bergen, 72, passed away Thursday, August 21, 2014, at his home in Sutton, NE.

Memorial services will be 10:30 a.m., Monday, August 25, 2014, at the Federated Church in Sutton, NE with Rev. Harry Cross officiating. Book signing will be Sunday, August 24, 2014, from 4 - 8 p.m., with the family present from 6 - 8 p.m., at Sutton Memorial Chapel in Sutton, NE.

Memorial contributions may be directed to the family to be designated at a later date.

He was born October 13, 1941, to Henry H. and Sophia (Friesen) Bergen in Sutton, NE. Bill attended Sutton Public School and graduated with the class of 1959. He went on to Nebraska Wesleyan University and graduated with a B.S. in Business Economics. He married Paula L. Schneider on August 22, 1965, at the Federated Church in Sutton, NE. He was a lifelong member of the Federated Church.

Bill returned to Sutton following college and began working at the family business. Bill worked for 42 years as an auctioneer, appraiser, and broker. Throughout his career as an auctioneer he had many partners in the auction business. Not only did he work with his father, but also with Dale Hanna, Dan

Whitley, Dean Dirks, and Larry Garland. He also worked with his brother Max in the Real Estate business until the time of his death. He closed his last sale on July 26, 2014.

Bill was an avid sports fan. He truly enjoyed watching his children, niece, nephews, and grandchildren participate in a variety of activities. He also loved to fish, hunt, and play golf with friends. He enjoyed nature. He loved birdwatching, and checking his many bluebird houses. He also enjoyed his Boston terrier.

In September of 2010, Bill was diagnosed with pancreatic cancer. He maintained a positive outlook and endured many rounds of chemotherapy. He continued to be interested in everything, but had to give up some of his more active hobbies. He always enjoyed spending time and visiting with friends.

He is survived by his wife of nearly 49 years, Paula of Sutton, NE; son, Jed and wife Heidi Bergen of Sutton, NE; daughter, Kim and husband Jason Cooper of Hickman, NE; grandsons, Wyatt and Jesse Bergen of Sutton, NE; grandson and granddaughter, Jack and Avery Cooper of Hickman, NE; sister, Wanda and husband James Hartley of Frederick, MD; brother, Max and wife Julie Bergen of Sutton, NE; uncle, Eugene and wife Lu Bergen of Lushton, NE; nephews, Mitch and wife Carrie Bergen of Lincoln, NE; Jake Bergen of Lincoln, NE; David Hartley of Philadelphia, PA; nieces, Anne Hartley of Chicago, IL; Claire Bergen of Lincoln, NE and numerous cousins.

He was preceded in death by his parents.

# Tribute Wall

MW

“ Although I didn't know Bill personally, we in the Wesleyan 50-year reunion class extend our thoughts and prayers!

Marcia Dillon Whitson - September 19, 2014 at 09:24 AM

CP

“ Prayers are with you Paula and your family. What an inspiration Bill was to the community as well as us, not letting his health be of a hinderance in his professional work. He will be missed but he is praising and singing of his Lord and Savior as he did when he witnessed to my siblings and myself as we were working on our parent's estate. May God continue to wrap his arms around you and your lived ones.

Connie Plettner - September 13, 2014 at 04:11 PM

AW

“ Paula and family. Having grown up in Sutton, I've known of the Bergens 'forever'! When my folks passed last year, Bill was right there with support. He didn't put the spot light on himself or his cancer. When we did ask, though, Bill honored God with his words and trust in Him. What a powerful example that even when faced with death, he trusted in Jesus' saving blood. I pray each and every one of you will feel God's lovin' arms around you at this time.

Annette (Plettner) West - August 27, 2014 at 10:17 AM

PH

“ So sorry to hear about Bill. He was a very special man and will be missed!! Thoughts and prayers to all of you at this time

Pam (Brown) Hulbert - August 26, 2014 at 07:01 AM

MB

“ We are so sorry to hear of your loss.  
May God be with all of you during this difficult time.  
He will be dearly missed by all who knew & loved him.

*Gods Blessings to You and Your Family.*

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**Marv & Bridgette Brummer** - August 25, 2014 at 08:35 PM

GM

“ So sorry to here of Bill's passing, He was well respected by all of us  
in His profession. He will be greatly missed by all. May God be with  
you in this time so sorrow. Our sincere condolences for Your loss.  
From all of us at Mikkelsen Real Estate and Auction in Superior NE.  
God Bless You  
Gale Mikkelsen

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**Gale Mikkelsen** - August 25, 2014 at 08:13 PM

JG

“ What a GREAT man and influence to all.  
Hugs to you all

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**Judy Griess** - August 25, 2014 at 07:18 PM

PH

“ I was so sorry to hear of Bill's death. Paula, you and your family are  
in my thoughts and prayers at this difficult time.

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**Peggy (Buttell) Huffman** - August 25, 2014 at 01:33 PM

CO

“ I am so sorry for your loss. Bill was a great guy. I am sorry I could not be at the funeral. Taking off a day is always hard for teachers as Wanda well knows. My thoughts and prayers are with your whole family. Wanda, I will especially miss seeing you since I could not get to Sutton. Love, Chelli

Chelli Perrella Olsen - August 25, 2014 at 11:45 AM

GN

“ Paula and family,  
We would like to express our sympathy to you and your family on the passing of Bill last week. The Nebraska Children's Home is blessed to have know Bill and thank Bill for all he has done for his family over the years. It was a pleasure to visit with Bill over the last few years. Again my sympathy and may God be with you at this difficult time.  
God Bless  
Gary Nelson

Gary Nelson - August 25, 2014 at 08:20 AM

RB

“ I am so sad to hear of Bill's passing, but know he is in a better place and resting after such a courageous fight. I have great memories of our conversations about baseball, especially his beloved St. Louis Cardinals. I thought of Bill as one of the pillars of my home town; his passing leaves a big void in Sutton. I am so thankful to have had the opportunity to see Bill this past July, and to talk a little baseball. He will be missed. My heart goes out to Paula, Max, and his entire family.

Rick Boals - August 24, 2014 at 08:09 PM

RJ

“ So sorry for your loss. Bill was a very special person and will be missed by many  
Our thoughts and prayers To the family at the time.

Rick & Jo Johnson - August 24, 2014 at 01:34 PM

HR

“ Wanda, I was sorry to read in the Lincoln Journal of the loss of your brother, Bill. I remember you talking about your brothers Bill, and Max ,when we were friends in college. I know it is a great loss to your family. So sorry.

Harriet Kimbrough Reinsch - August 24, 2014 at 11:28 AM

SM

“ I'm so sorry for your loss. I know he was a very good Father & Husband and will be greatly missed. The good news is that he was a believer in our Savior, Jesus Christ and you will see him again! As you mourn, may you find peace in Christ, hope in your beautiful children & grandchildren and comfort in Boston Terriers (you know I had to try to make you smile).

Sondra (Munroe) Moghadam - August 24, 2014 at 10:48 AM

FN

“ The end of a 4 year journey.  
Bill, a leader in his community, school, sports, and certainly in his family and chosen profession. His outgoing personality extended to his fellow patients as well as the staff at NE Hematology and Oncology.

We will miss Bill deeply and extend our thoughts and prayers to Paula and the family.

Farrell (Niel) and Barb Nielsen - August 24, 2014 at 10:38 AM

DB

“ So sorry on the loss of Bill. He was a good man, and will be missed. Our thoughts and prayers are with you.

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**Dan and Sandra Beahm** - August 24, 2014 at 06:56 AM

KF

“ I'm so sorry to hear of Bill's passing. He became very special to us when he worked with us children of his friend and our father Henry Roemmich estate. He was always upbeat through his time here on earth. My thoughts and prayers are with Paula and her family. God keep you in His care at this very difficult time. Bill and Dad can now talk of Dad's sweetpotatoes .

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**Kathy Fisher** - August 23, 2014 at 11:00 AM

BK

“ We are so sorry to hear of Bill's passing. He was always upbeat and an inspiration to myself, and all others, that had the pleasure to meet and get to know him. It was so good to visit with him in June. Our thoughts and prayers are with you Paula and your family.

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**Brad & Vicki Kai** - August 22, 2014 at 07:30 PM

SA

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with the entire family. Bill was a great supporter of the school and coaches during our time in Sutton. Will always remember our track and field talks.

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**Steve and Becky Adkisson** - August 22, 2014 at 03:46 PM

K(

“ *Paula and family,  
We are so sorry to hear of your loss. Bill was a remarkable man,  
and he will be greatly missed. Your community has lost one of it's  
very best. May God comfort your family during this difficult time.*

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**Keith and Susan O'Bryan (Whitley)** - August 22, 2014 at 03:05 PM

JR

“ *Sorry to hear of Bill's passing. He has gone to his just peace and  
rest, having fought the good fight. Bill was a very special man, and  
was pretty much like family to my father, Henry W. Roemmich. Our  
deepest sympathies, condolences, and prayers go out to Paula, and  
the whole family, at this very sad time.*

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**John and Kay Roemmich** - August 22, 2014 at 02:54 PM

NW

“ *Thinking of you guys.*

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**Nate and Charity Wyatt** - August 22, 2014 at 11:48 AM

GA

“ *So glad we were able to see Bill one last time on Tuesday and visit  
with Paula. He was very special to our dad, Henry Roemmich, and  
became special to us, too. Our prayer is that the Lord will give Paula  
and the rest of the family His perfect peace during this time and the  
days ahead.*

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**Gary and Mary Arbuck** - August 21, 2014 at 08:38 PM

RF

“ So sorry to hear of Bill's passing. He was such a good, kind man who deeply loved all his family and made all of us feel like good friends. Regret that we can not be there Monday for services. Ronnie's mom will be laid to rest that same morning in Virginia. Know that we are praying for comfort for all of you.

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**Ronnie and Jane Green and family** - August 21, 2014 at 08:19 PM

CF

“ Our deepest sympathies during your family's time of loss. God bless.

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**Cory, Jodi, Madison, & Sydney Fuehrer** - August 21, 2014 at 08:11 PM

VK

“ I'm so sorry to hear of Bill's passing. Bill was a well respected individual and truly a genuine person! Prayers your way for the entire family during this time and in the days ahead.

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**Vicki (Lewis) Kraai** - August 21, 2014 at 08:02 PM

DB

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with you at this very difficult time!

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**Donnie, Amy, Koby & Teage Bruns** - August 21, 2014 at 03:50 PM