



William "Bill" Carl Ridgway

May 1, 1932 - August 25, 2022

Former Fairfield, NE resident William "Bill" Carl Ridgway, 90, passed away Thursday, August 25, 2022, at Memorial Community Care in Aurora, NE.

Memorial services will be conducted at 10:30 a.m., Friday, September 16, 2022, at the Fairfield Community Church with Pastors Ivan & Joyce Dean officiating. Inurnment will follow at the Fairfield Cemetery with military honors by the Fairfield American Legion Post #256 and the Offutt Air Force Base Honor Guard. The family will greet friends Thursday, from 6:00 p.m. – 8 p.m., at the Fairfield Community Church in Fairfield, NE.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be directed to the Fairfield Community Presbyterian Church and/or the Fairfield American Legion Post #256.

Bill was born May 1, 1932, in Fairfield, Nebraska to Carl and Eva (Boynton) Ridgway. He grew up on a farm near Fairfield and graduated from Fairfield High School. On November 20, 1953, Bill was united in marriage to Angela Rose Svoboda.

Bill enlisted in the US Air Force and was stationed in Roswell, NM. While active, he served as an Aircraft Mechanic during the Korean War. Following his active military duty, the couple settled in Fairfield, NE and managed the

family farm.

Bill lived his life working with his hands—farming the land; repairing and working on equipment; building and restoring local businesses and homes during the “off-season”; cleaning, painting and priming items for his wife’s painting hobby; giving “bear hugs” and caring gently for others. He leaves a legacy of love, dedication, hard work and caring for his neighbor.

As a mentor and a leader, Bill served his church as a member of the Council, served the town of Fairfield as a member the City Council, and was active with the Fairfield American Legion Post #256. Being active in his children’s activities, Bill served as an adult volunteer in their Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, and 4-H groups.

Bill is survived by his children, Greg (Kathleen) Ridgway of Birmingham, AL and Sondra (Todd) Otto of Dickinson, ND; 7 grandchildren and 9 great-grandchildren; and nieces and nephews and their families.

Bill was preceded in death by his wife Angela; parents Carl Wayne and Eva Helen (Boynton) Ridgway; sister Eva Mae; brothers and sisters-in-law Leland and Rita Ridgway, Rolland and Mildred Ridgway, Dale and Norma Ridgway, Berl Ridgway, Vera Ridgway, Lucille Ridgway, Jack and Gail Ridgway, and William and Dorothy Madden.

Cemetery Details

Fairfield Cemetery

1054-1058 Road 305
Fairfield, NE 68938

Previous Events

Family Greeting Friends

SEP **15.** 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Fairfield Community Presbyterian Church
601 N. D Street
Fairfield, NE 68938

Memorial Service

SEP **16.** 10:30 AM (CT)

Fairfield Community Church
601 N. D Street
Fairfield, NE 68938

Tribute Wall



“ 6 files added to the album Flowers



Sutton Memorial Chapel and McLaughlin Funeral Chapel - September 16, 2022 at 02:39 PM

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“ Greg and Sonnie and families. Saddened to hear of your loss. I have great memories of Bill driving the old Mustang and pulling us around town on the saucer sled after a snow. The drives to freshman early morning basketball practices and hanging at your house growing up. We were so lucky to have the parents we had and the great upbringing in Fairfield. Keep making your parents proud, you know they are watching you and smiling. Terry

Terry Anstine - September 15, 2022 at 08:53 AM



“ Sacred Duty Spray was purchased for the family of William "Bill" Carl Ridgway.



September 14, 2022 at 01:22 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of William "Bill" Carl Ridgway.*



September 02, 2022 at 05:39 AM



“ *Sonnie, Todd and family - so sorry for your loss. Our prayers are with you. Dave and Cathy Logosz.*

Cathy Logosz - August 31, 2022 at 06:00 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of William "Bill" Carl Ridgway.*



August 31, 2022 at 10:43 AM