



## William "Bill" Shannon

April 29, 1922 - April 20, 2018

Gale William Shannon, son of Harper and Helen (Hunter) Shannon, was born on April 29, 1922 on the Shannon family farm in Douglas Township outside Kirkman, Iowa. He attended school in Kirkman where he graduated from the class of 1939.

The girl of Bill's dreams, Dorothy Barry, lived just down the road on a neighboring farm. They dated a few years before marrying on March 17, 1946 at the United Methodist Church in Irwin, Iowa. After their marriage, they purchased their first farm together west of Irwin. They then farmed various farms around the Irwin and Kirkman areas where they became the parents of five children: Denny, Bonnie, Rodney, Janice and Joan.

Bill was a loving dad, grandpa and great grandpa. While watching them grow, Bill was always interested in his kids and grandkids lives and school activities. His hard work and appreciation for the land was apparent as a farmer. He was involved in family farming for seventy-five years and especially liked harvest season. He enjoyed all things in nature and often took the grandchildren fishing.

Visiting family and friends was a favorite pastime for Bill and Dorothy. They had a lifelong group of couple friends that would get together to celebrate birthdays. They enjoyed frequent trips to Boone, Des Moines and Colorado to visit their children and grandchildren. After moving from the farm to Harlan, Bill took up many new activities. He helped at The Flower Barn, gardened, did yard work for people in town, delivered Meals on Wheels, served Communion for his church, was on a bowling team and joined the Harlan Kiwanis group where he was active in the Golden K. He also loved attending and volunteering at the Greenridge Steam and Gas Antique Show and the Shelby County Fair. Bill created many woodworking and woodcarving projects and taught himself how to play the harmonica and keyboard. If you were around Bill, he would most definitely tell you a joke, story or play a harmonica tune just to bring a grin to your face.

Bill and Dorothy moved to the Independent Living Condos at Elm Crest in Harlan in 2013 when health issues arose for Dorothy. They continued living there until Bill's death at Myrtue Medical Center in Harlan on April 20, 2018 where he attained the age of ninety-five years, eleven months and twenty-two days. In addition to his parents, Bill was preceded in death by his infant daughter Bonnie, his sister Lucille and his twin brother, Bob.

Bill is survived by his wife of over seventy years, Dorothy Shannon of Harlan; his children:

Denny Shannon and his wife Diane of Boone, Iowa, Rodney Shannon and his wife Noreen of Manilla, Iowa, Janice and her husband Maury Salz of Honeycreek, Iowa and Joan Shannon of Des Moines, Iowa; grandchildren: Ted Shannon, Jeff Shannon, Jill Neumann and her husband Nick, Lindsay Shannon, Christopher Shannon, Erica Shannon Stueve and her husband Nathan, Scott Shannon and his wife Megan; three great grandchildren: Drew Neumann, Madrone Shannon, Erin Neumann and one on the way; Ellsworth Shannon of Manilla, Iowa; nieces and nephews, other relatives and many friends.

# Cemetery

Oak Hill Cemetery

Irwin, IA, 51446

# Events

**APR 23**    **Family Will Greet Friends**    05:00PM - 07:00PM

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Pauley Jones Funeral Home - Harlan  
1304 Ninth Street, Harlan, IA, US, 51537

**APR 23**    **Visitation**    04:00PM - 08:00PM

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**APR 24**    **Funeral Service**    01:00PM

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First United Methodist Church  
1202 Ninth Street, Harlan, IA, US, 51537

# Comments

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“ Sapphire Skies Bouquet was purchased for the family of William "Bill" Shannon.



April 23, 2018 at 02:01 PM

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“ Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of William "Bill" Shannon.



April 23, 2018 at 10:55 AM

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“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of William "Bill" Shannon.



April 22, 2018 at 10:03 PM

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“ We are praying for you as you grieve and celebrate the life of Bill. On the few occasions we were able to visit the Barry and Shannon families in Iowa over the years, we were always warmly welcomed, and we thoroughly enjoyed their generous hospitality.

We are thankful for a long life well lived, and the blessed hope of a future reunion.

Paul and Judi (Snook) Utley

**judith Utley** - April 22, 2018 at 09:53 PM

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“ Kathy Goede lit a candle in memory of William "Bill" Shannon



Kathy Goede - April 22, 2018 at 07:45 PM

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“ So Very Very Sorry  
Prayers Prayers To All The Family  
Love And Hugs .  
Patty and Tom Niedermyer



Patty Niedermyer - April 22, 2018 at 05:10 PM

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“ We have wonderful memories of times in Iowa with the Shannon and Barry families .  
Our prayers for God's comfort as you grieve but celebrate a life well-lived. Doug and Janet (Snook) Hunter.

janet hunter - April 22, 2018 at 04:12 PM

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“ My condolences to Janice and her family

Kellie Messer - April 22, 2018 at 04:22 AM

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“ We send our deepest sympathy to Bills family. He always had a joke for us, so we will remember him with a smile.  
Heaven is a happier place now, that Bill is there telling his jokes.

Susan & Lyle Gilfillan - April 21, 2018 at 11:08 PM



“ Our deepest prayers and condolences in this difficult time. Love Adam and Lindsay Heinen.

**Adam and Lindsay Heinen** - April 21, 2018 at 10:21 PM

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“ Sylvia and I send our love and best wishes to the Shannon and Barry families as we celebrate the life of Bill Shannon. Bill and Dorothy were very special to us -- as were the Barry families -- and we so enjoyed our visits to them over the years. Bill's amazing sense of humor and wit, and Dorothy's welcoming warmth (and cooking!) were a great gift to us and created memories which will stay with us and remind us of the meaning of family. With love from Sylvia and Don Snook

**Donald Snook** - April 21, 2018 at 05:10 PM