



## Ralph "Bill" William Shireman

September 29, 1945 - April 15, 2020

Click on the link below to watch the funeral service!

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cQQODQQNbac>

Ralph W. "Bill" Shireman, age 74, of Richland Center died Wednesday, April 15, 2020, at St. Mary's Hospital in Madison. He was born on September 29, 1945, the son of Ralph Henry and Helen Francis (McNelly) Shireman. On September 1, 1978 he married Philippine "Judy" (Anderson) McBain. Bill was raised on his parents' farm in Ash Ridge, attending Pleasant View School, and graduating from Viola High School in 1964. Shortly after graduation, Bill enlisted in the U.S. Army, where he got his start in the medical field, becoming trained as a medic and a laboratory technician. Bill was stationed in Okinawa, Japan. He was discharged in 1967, but later re-enlisted in the U.S. Army Reserves in 1976. During his service in the U.S. Army Reserves, he was deployed to Germany during Operation Desert Storm, and he served in Guatemala as a part of Task Force Timberwolf. He retired as a Master Sergeant after over 30 years of service to his country. After returning home from his active military service, Bill worked in the lab at the Badger Army Ammunition Plant. He was a laboratory and x-ray technician at the Richland Hospital for 18 years. Bill attended Southwest Technical College and received his L.P.N. degree, and then received his R.N. degree in

1992. He was employed at the William S. Middleton Memorial Veterans Hospital in Madison for 29 years, before his retirement in 2014. Bill was an exceptional nurse who enjoyed taking care of other veterans. Bill also served Richland County as a deputy and elected coroner for many years.

After retirement, Bill was able to dedicate more time to some of his favorite pastimes: hunting and fishing; visiting his grandchildren and cheering them on at their sporting events; attending auctions; having coffee, doughnuts, and conversations with friends; reading; traveling; and spending time at the farm with his Minneapolis Moline tractors. Bill continued to serve his community as a member of Richland County Crime Stoppers, American Legion Post 13, and the 40 et 8 Voiture 1268.

Survivors include his wife Judy Shireman of Richland Center, WI; three children, Rachel (Mark) Turgasen of Richland Center, WI; Rochelle (Joshua) Cornell of Ayase-Shi, Japan; Raquel (Jason) Fry of Dubuque, IA; seven grandchildren; Logan, Delaney, and Landon Turgasen of Richland Center, WI; Behati Cornell of Ayase-Shi, Japan; Elliott, Cameron, and Morgan Fry of Dubuque, IA; three step-children; Cheryl Marshall (Mike Cook) of Richland Center, WI; Charles Jr. (Jennifer) McBain of Bayfield County, WI; Christine (Gregg) Schmitt of Richland Center, WI; seven step-grandchildren, Whitney (Bill) Toney of Cashton, WI; Ashley McBain of Arena, WI; Colt Watson of Madison, WI; Charles III (Grace) McBain of Longmont, CO.; Chay, Gabriel, and Grayson Schmitt of Richland Center, WI; step great-granddaughter, Marlena Tony of Cashton, WI; two sisters, Cindy (Leo) Kraft of Solen, ND; Kristi (Joe) Durst of Sextonville, WI; a brother-in-law, Bruce Perkins of Viola, WI; and many nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents and a sister, Darlene Perkins.

A Celebration of "Bill's" life will be held on Saturday, April 17, at 11:00 AM at

the Clary Memorial Funeral Home in Richland Center with local military graveside rites following at the Richland Center Cemetery. Friends may call on Saturday, April 17, 2021, from 8:00 AM until the time of services at 11:00 AM at the Clary Memorial Funeral Home.

In lieu of flowers, memorials can be given to the Richland County 40 et 8 Voiture 1268 Nursing Scholarship Fund. Online condolences can be made at [www.clarymemorialfuneralhome.com](http://www.clarymemorialfuneralhome.com)

# Previous Events

## Memorial Visitation

APR 17. 8:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Clary Memorial Funeral & Cremation Service, LLC  
26777 Jelland Drive  
Richland Center, WI 53581  
(608) 647-6390  
josh@clarymemorial.com  
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## Celebration of Life

APR 17. 11:00 AM - 11:30 AM (CT)

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## Military Honors

APR 17. 11:40 AM (CT)

Richland Center Cemetery  
Richland Center, WI

# Tribute Wall

FS

“ *Judy and family*

*Our sympathy to you and family*

*Rip Bill*



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**Fritzi, Stan** - April 16, 2021 at 11:05 PM



“ *Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Ralph "Bill" William Shireman.*



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April 16, 2021 at 10:17 AM

BT

“ *My condolences to Judy, my childhood buddy Charlie and all of Bill's family. I always enjoyed my conversations and his quiet, wry sense of humor.*

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**Brian Tennant** - April 15, 2021 at 09:19 PM



“ 54 files added to the album LifeTributes



Clary Memorial Funeral Home - April 14, 2021 at 11:32 AM



“ Sincere condolences from Ann Ulrich, former RC resident.

Ann Walker - March 27, 2021 at 09:18 AM



“ Bill was a great nurse and Veteran. It was an honor to know and work with him. Heather Wise RN, VA

Heather Wise - March 19, 2021 at 09:02 PM



“ Sorry to hear of your loss  
Deb and Glen Niemeyer

deb - May 10, 2020 at 05:49 PM



“ Judy & Kristie-So very sorry of your loss-my sympathy to you and your families...

ginger parkhurst - April 25, 2020 at 11:44 AM

KC

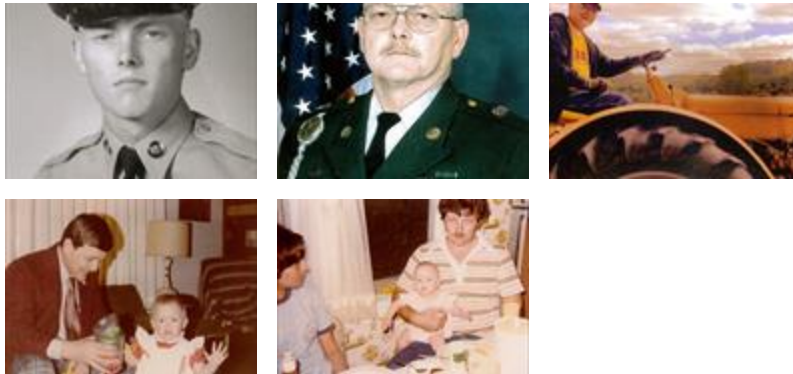
“ 3 files added to the tribute wall



Kari Callahan - April 24, 2020 at 07:29 PM



“ 55 files added to the album Ralph Shireman



Clary Memorial Funeral Home - April 24, 2020 at 10:49 AM

BT

“ *My sincere condolences to Judy (my former Hardees coworker in the 1980s) and her son Charlie (my friend and teammate). As a person with no shortage of commentary, I remember and admire Bill has a thoughtful man of fewer words that were worth listening to. While not recently, I remember interesting conversations with Bill that were always wide ranging. I last crossed paths with Judy and Bill at the Family Restaurant, several months back. Judy approached and we spoke, and I waved at Bill in the booth. I regret that I didn't have a chat with him.*

Brian Tennant - April 23, 2020 at 05:20 PM

RK

“ *My Sister Chris and I spent much of our school vacations at my Sister Helen, and Ralphs farm. We were several years older, than our Nieces, and Newphew. We enjoyed spending our time with them.*

Ruth Kaderavek - April 23, 2020 at 03:34 PM

KD

“ *3 files added to the album Memories Album*



Kristi Durst - April 22, 2020 at 08:01 PM

MR

“ *Mary Rydberg lit a candle in memory of Ralph "Bill" William Shireman*



Mary Rydberg - April 22, 2020 at 03:41 PM

MR

*Sympathy to all of the family. I am very glad I was able to see him a couple of years ago. I don't get to see the family very often due to living out of Wisconsin.*

Mary Rydberg - April 22, 2020 at 03:45 PM

KH

“ Bill was a good man. I know him as my friend, Judy's husband and I know him because he joined us on our trips to New Orleans. But one of the things that I remember is that when my daughter was a nursing student at MATC, doing her clinical at VA, she worked in Bill's unit. She didn't know him as my friend's husband at that time, but talked about what a great, patient teacher he was. Now that's a great legacy to leave.

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**Kathy Harrington** - April 21, 2020 at 09:57 AM

DT

“ I'm sorry to hear of your loss. I'll be thinking of you.

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**Dorothy Thompson** - April 20, 2020 at 09:21 PM

BC

“ I was shocked to hear this sad news. I loved working with Bill at the VA. He was very helpful. I could always count on Bill. He as an excellent nurse. He loved his wife and his kids/grandkids. I enjoyed listening to his stories at break time. Bill was a caring man and he took the time to come to my husband's funeral service. You have my deepest sympathy and a hug over the internet. An extra hug to Judy as I know how hard it is. I went through a lot of tissues. Il plan to attend his service in August and will remember you all in my prayers

*Press on toward the goal!*

*Cindy Bonilla ( I worked with Bill on 4B.)*

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**Bonilla Cindy** - April 20, 2020 at 07:21 PM

GW

“ SYMPATHY AND PRAYERS TO YOU ALL, AM REMEMBERING ALL OUR TRIPS TO MADISON TO THE VA HOSPITAL. HARD TO BELIEVE THAT WAS OVER 20 YEARS AGO. BILL ALWAYS HAD SOME GOOD STORIES TO TELL ON THE WAY. WILL TRY AND MAKE IT TO THE SERVICE IN AUGUST. CHUCK IS A RESIDENT OF PINE VALLEY SO UNABLE TO COME HOME.

Georgine Worthington - April 20, 2020 at 02:51 PM



“ Bill's life is an example and inspiration for all of us. He was a life long learner and lived a life of service to humanity and community and family. His intelligence and passion for life lives on in his children and grandchildren. My deepest condolences especially to you, Judy. Love and prayers to you all.

Ellen Turgasen - April 20, 2020 at 01:43 PM

KC

“ So sorry to hear of your loss, Judy. Thinking of you and your family.  
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Kay Cunningham - April 20, 2020 at 01:35 PM

JP

“ I work with Rachel at Foremost Farms and am so sorry for you and your family's loss. I will keep you in my thoughts and prayers.



Jennifer Peesel - April 20, 2020 at 11:46 AM



“ So sorry , My deepest sympathies to Judy and the family , He was a awesome guy,  
  
RIP Bill



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**Paula Dearborn** - April 19, 2020 at 10:18 PM

CK

“ From the time I was little always looked up to him he was my big Brother I was so proud when he went into the Army he held a special place in my Heart. May you Rest In Peace to a life well lived.

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**Cindy Kraft** - April 19, 2020 at 09:55 PM

MM

So very sorry for your loss Judy and family Bill was a very good guy praying for you and your family.

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**Marilyn Martin** - April 20, 2020 at 11:56 AM

CK

“ Cindy Kraft lit a candle in memory of Ralph "Bill" William Shireman



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**Cindy Kraft** - April 19, 2020 at 09:50 PM

CP

“ I am so sorry for your loss. Cheryl Perkins

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**Cheryl Perkins** - April 19, 2020 at 09:36 PM

VW

“ Hugs and prayers for the Shireman family Bill always had a smile for everyone he met He will be missed by his many friends as well as his family

Virginia Wiedenfeld - April 19, 2020 at 09:27 PM

BD

“ Judy and family,so sorry for you loss,it's a big one indeed! Treasure all those special memories!

Beth Delagrave - April 19, 2020 at 09:20 PM

KC

“ Kari Callahan lit a candle in memory of Ralph "Bill" William Shireman



Kari Callahan - April 19, 2020 at 09:16 PM

JT

“ JUDY & FAMILY, MAY GOD BE WITH YOU IN THE DAYS AHEAD. YOU HAVE MANY SPECIAL MEMORIES. BILL WILL BE GREATLY MISSED. LOVEAND PRAYERS!

JOHN & CONNIE TURGASEN - April 19, 2020 at 09:03 PM

GG

“ Georgia Goodyear lit a candle in memory of Ralph "Bill" William Shireman



Georgia Goodyear - April 19, 2020 at 08:30 PM



“ *My deepest sympathies to Judy and family.*

**Jane Kintz** - April 19, 2020 at 06:33 PM



“ *So sorry for your loss.*

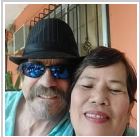
**June Gilbertson** - April 19, 2020 at 05:41 PM



“ *Kristi Durst lit a candle in memory of Ralph "Bill" William Shireman*



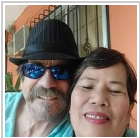
**Kristi Durst** - April 19, 2020 at 05:35 PM



“ *Mike McNelly lit a candle in memory of Ralph "Bill" William Shireman*



**Mike McNelly** - April 19, 2020 at 03:48 PM



“ *My earliest memory of Bill. I was very young at the time, but I recall Bill having a cow by the tail, and was skinning along behind it on the gravel road at ash ridge. Maybe someone could fill in the details of that time.*

**Mike McNelly** - April 19, 2020 at 03:47 PM

DJ

“ Bill welcomed my brother & I into the Shireman family. So warm & friendly. Shared stories of everything. We enjoyed deer hunting and stories with him for many many years. Chuck & I always felt like honorary members of the Shireman family. And what a great family it is. We share in your sorrow. May God bless him and welcome him into his arms in heaven.

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**Dennis Janssen** - April 19, 2020 at 02:37 PM

MC

“ My prayers and thoughts are with Bill, Judy and their Family. We grew up neighbor kids and enjoyed so many activities together. So many great memories I will share some day. Hugs to everyone.

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**Marlin Clark** - April 19, 2020 at 02:26 PM

CM

“ I have so many fond memories of hanging out in the barn with Billy, Cindy & Kristi. Walking through the woods. I loved visiting my cousins. Going “up north” for the weekend was one of my favorites. God bless his family and friends.

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**cathy moody** - April 19, 2020 at 02:20 PM

NM

Bill's older sister, Darlene, was my best friend from age 4 on thru our high school years. We had sleepovers at each other's home during that time; her family was an extension of mine, and vice versa. Billy became my kid brother, by default. He had, even that early, a lively imagination and sense of curiosity. Although, due to time and distance, our lives hadn't crossed in many years, he's as present in my heart as Dar, and will not be easily forgotten. My deepest sympathy to his family for your loss.

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**Nancy Moody** - April 21, 2020 at 05:41 PM