

# William A. Windmeier

September 8, 1930 – December 5, 2015

Services for William A. Windmeier will be held Wednesday Dec. 9, 10 a.m. at Covenant Lutheran Church in Wheatland. Serving as pall bearers are Wayne Schill, Scott Windmeier, Alex Windmeier, Merit Bunker, Chase Nickle and Matthew Britton. Honorary pallbearers are his many family and friends.

On Sept. 8, 1930 a self-determined lad was born to William and Marie Windmeier in Evanston, Ill.

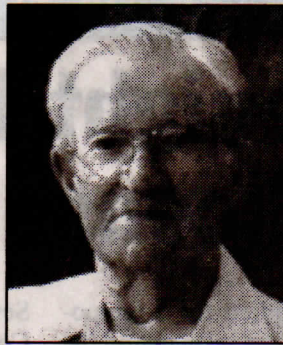
At a young age, he claimed the name 'Bill' and the lives he touched were never the same. Bill was reared and educated in Skokie, Ill. While there, his love for the family and farm life grew.

At age 14, while chasing a rabbit, the young chap fell and broke his arm. His father knew he was going to have to keep Bill busy during his recovery, so young Bill became the proud owner of chickens. He anxiously looked after the hens and roosters and collected eggs while waiting for his arm to heal. He never lost his love of chickens, and he always shared the fruits of his labor with friends and family.

Bill went on to graduate from high school and then served a four year apprenticeship in carpentry. He also earned his engineering degree from the Illinois Institute of Technology in 1952 and assisted with the construction of the Old Orchard Mall in Skokie, Ill. The mall is still standing today.

The young civil engineer served in the United States Army during the Korean War. This was known as S.C.A.R.W.A.F. where roads and runways were constructed for military bases.

In 1962, Bill took a vacation to Wyoming and fell in love. He yearned for a different way of life. So in 1964, he made the difficult decision to follow his dream and moved to Wheatland. He worked for the Wheatland Rural Electric Association and Director of Consumer Services but soon realized his passion was still construction. In the early 1970's, Bill worked for various contractors in the area, only realizing that during the winter



months it was a struggle to make ends meet. The ambitious 2"X4" Prairie Contractor then started Windmeier Construction in 1974 and established himself as a quality builder who specialized in custom designed built homes and custom concrete work. Bill's real-life portfolio of Windmeier Construction can be seen on any corner of Wheatland.

On May 17, 1986 Bill married Judy. They continued to operate Windmeier

Construction until 2001. Bill and Judy then continued their love for the country way of life raising cattle, sheep and, of course, chickens. His love of family and friends only continued to grow during this time.

His greatest accomplishments were his children, David, William, Susan, Jennifer and Zane. Bill was once asked what he wanted to accomplish in life. His reply was, "I never really thought too much about it but, after some thought, I came to the conclusion, it was to help make a better way of life." In Bill's eyes, that meant caring for his family, his church and his friends. With his steadfast spirit, Bill always wanted to help people. He touched every life he came in to contact with.

Bill also served his community and its members. He was an active member of Covenant Lutheran Church, served as Platte County Commissioner, and served as an Action Council Member to the NFIB. Bill was always willing to lend a helping hand wherever he went.

Bill is survived by his loving wife Judy, son, David and wife Amy, son William, daughter Susan Wilhelm and husband Bobby, daughter Jennifer Tyler and husband Patrick, and son Zane Morris and wife Erin, and sister Evie Grosse. He is also survived by grandchildren Wayne, Christine, Scott, Alex, Chase, Curtis, Nicole, Anestasia, Merit, Lance, Muira, Marel, Tori, Kelli, Teague, Tailon, Matthew, Todd and Brian, three nieces and six great grandchildren.

In lieu of flowers, memorials are requested to the new Platte County Nursing Home.