



## William J. McKinley

April 5, 1931 - February 16, 2020

Dodgeville – William J. McKinley, age 88, of Dodgeville, passed away peacefully surrounded by his loving family at his home of 62 years on Sunday, February 16, 2020.

William was born on April 5, 1931 in Dodgeville, son of Ellery and Bertha McKinley. He celebrated his 65th wedding Anniversary with the love of his life, Lois, on February 5, 2020.

Together they were blessed with five children, David (Patti) McKinley, Patricia (Jack) Manzella, Anne (Scott) Russell, Mary Cockerham, Judy (Steve) Zautke; dearest grandfather of ten grandchildren, Krystle, Brandon, Matthew, Alexander, Mandy, Michael, Brockton, Aaron, Karissa and Dawson. Along with seven great-grandchildren, Alexa, Berklee, Gavin, Ashton, Landon, Blair and Bentley.

Bill is further survived by his brothers Richard McKinley and James (Marilyn) McKinley; his sister-in-law Eileen McKinley; many nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents, his brother Edward McKinley, his sister-in-law Amy McKinley and his great grandson Gavin Russell.

Bill proudly served in the United States Marine Corps during the Korean War. A true Patriot, receiving two purple hearts in Combat, the family's greatest hero! Bill was employed with Jewel Tea Company for 26 years. He often was the top salesman, receiving many awards and accolades.

One of his greatest enjoyments was spending time with family and friends at their cabin of 50 years, which included fishing, hunting, boating and playing euchre. Bill was a diehard Badgers and Packers fan and could often be seen decked out in his red or green and gold attire on weekends cheering them on whenever he could.

The family would like to extend a heartfelt thank you to St. Croix Hospice and Christian Home Servants for their loving care.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be held at 12:00 p.m. on Saturday, February 22, 2020 at ST. JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC CHURCH in Dodgeville. Friends may call from 11:00 a.m. until 11:45 a.m. on Saturday at the church, where a family eulogy will be said at 11:45 a.m. Military rites will be held after Mass at ST. JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC CHURCH by the Dodgeville Veterans.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to St. Croix Hospice or St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Dodgeville.

Heaven has received a special angel! You left us beautiful memories. Your love is still our guide, and though we cannot see you, you are always by our side. Always and forever....

# Cemetery Details

## St. Joseph's Cemetery

Compassion Way  
Dodgeville, WI 53533

# Previous Events

## Visitation

FEB 22. 11:00 AM - 11:45 AM (CT)

St. Joseph's Catholic Church  
405 S. Dacotah Street  
Dodgeville, WI 53533

## Eulogy

FEB 22. 11:45 AM (CT)

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## Mass of Christian Burial

FEB 22. 12:00 PM (CT)

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## Military Graveside Rites

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FEB **22**. 12:50 PM (CT)

St. Joseph's Catholic Church  
405 S. Dacotah Street  
Dodgeville, WI 53533

# Tribute Wall



“ *William J. McKinley*

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November 15, 2022 at 06:49 AM



“ *Anne lit a candle in memory of William J. McKinley*



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**Anne** - March 04, 2020 at 01:29 PM

AN

“ Dearest Dad,

*To a man whose devoted and sincere heart for his wife, children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren has remained steadfast, loyal, protective, supportive and endearing then, and for future generations to come. With the courage of a lion and the gentleness of a*

*lamb, you battled life's trials and adversities with continuing honor, strength, and courage. It was your unwavering and insurmountable faith and love for God that granted grace, fortitude, comfort and peace. Your bravery in service for our country gave true meaning to honor, selflessness and camaraderie, surpassing all commitments and expectations while remaining loyal to the core. We honor you for all you are, all you have given and all you have done. Thank you for being our shelter from the storm, our rock, advisor, teacher and our forever superhero. We thank you for all the sacrifices you made to allow us the very best and for simple blessings like smiles.*

*laughter, love and memories shared. May you soar with God and his army of angels who will protect and watch over you and may your shining light spread warmth and comfort upon us. We love you to the moon and back because you are our sunshine, our angel in Heaven.*

*Love from all our hearts to yours,*

*Annie and family OXOX*

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**Anne** - March 03, 2020 at 06:49 PM

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“ Can you imagine what a wonderful Euchre party is going on in Heaven today?!?  
Too many wonderful memories to recount, but I remain amazed at how Bill and Lois were able to keep a lid on us heathens when we had our sleep-overs and trips to Bagley!  
It's a beautiful cold but sunny day here...stark contrast to the heavy hearts we all feel today, but supports the notion of better times to come.  
Many thanks to Bill and Lois as my godparents and as loving family.  
I am with you in spirit and in my prayers.

Nancy McKinley - February 22, 2020 at 10:22 AM

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Thank you so very much Nancy!

Anne McKinley-Russell - February 24, 2021 at 12:57 PM

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Mom and dad were wonderful parents and will be so greatly missed!  
Heaven definitely gained two beautiful angels! Thank you so very much Nancy and God bless!

Anne McKinley-Russell - February 24, 2021 at 12:59 PM

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“ Nancy McKinley lit a candle in memory of William J. McKinley



Nancy McKinley - February 22, 2020 at 10:15 AM

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Thank you!

Anne McKinley-Russell - February 24, 2021 at 01:08 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of William J. McKinley.*



February 21, 2020 at 04:10 PM



“ *From all of us at Harmony Construction purchased the Sweet Tranquility Basket for the family of William J. McKinley.*

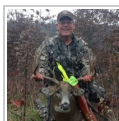


**From all of us at Harmony Construction** - February 20, 2020 at 03:13 PM



“ *McKinley family-we are so very sorry for your loss. Lots of good memories to include meeting for Friday night fish and Euchre card games. Take comfort in the loving heart watching over you. John & Diane*

**Diane Hermanson** - February 19, 2020 at 12:24 PM



*Bill, SEMPER FI! R.I.P.!*

**Paul Brewer Julson** - February 19, 2020 at 01:42 PM



*Thank you so very much!*

**Anne McKinley-Russell** - February 24, 2021 at 01:09 PM



“ *Dreams From the Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of William J. McKinley.*



February 19, 2020 at 10:56 AM



“ *I'm sorry for your loss I remember as a child what nice people and neighbors you were Sue (Aide) Hansen*

**Sue (Aide) Hansen** - February 19, 2020 at 09:56 AM



*Thank you so very much!*

**Anne McKinley-Russell** - February 24, 2021 at 01:10 PM



“ *Judy & Steve - Our heartfelt condolences to you both for the passing of your father. I know how close you were to your father and how much he loved his family. He was a wonderful man and he will be sorely missed. Our prayers are lifted for all of you as you mourn the loss of your dear father. Karen & Mike*



**Karen Burns** - February 18, 2020 at 04:28 PM



*Thank you so very much!*

**Anne McKinley-Russell** - February 24, 2021 at 01:10 PM