



## Bill Kent Kosanke

May 10, 1935 - April 14, 2022

Bill Kent Kosanke was born on May 10, 1935 in the farmhouse two miles north of Lone Wolf to parents William and Emma Kosanke.

Bill attended Lone Wolf School and graduated in 1953. He attended Oklahoma A&M and graduated with a degree in Agricultural Economics in 1957 – the last class before the name changed to Oklahoma State University. He then served three years active duty as a commissioned officer in the U.S. Air Force, stationed on the Canadian border in a radar station from 1958 to 1961.

Bill returned to live in Lone Wolf and engaged in farming and ranching. He served on many boards and committees, including the Oklahoma Wheat Commission and state officer in the FSA. He was County President of the Oklahoma Farmers Union and was a Farmers Union insurance agent for eighteen years.

Bill married Ann McConnell on February 21, 1970 at the First United Methodist Church in Hobart, and they made their home in Lone Wolf. They had three children – Kristin, Suzanne, and Brad.

Bill was a long-time member of the First Christian Church of Lone Wolf, where he served as an Elder for over fifty years.

He loved his Lord, family, church, community, country, friends, and OSU. He enjoyed listening to and singing Southern Gospel music with his fellow church quartet members, attending ballgames, his kids' activities, and late in life – his grandkids.

Bill was also known to tell and re-tell some old-time stories with his coffee drinking friends at C.J.'s.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Ann, in 2016.

He is survived by three children – Kristin and husband Tim Fricker of Edmond, OK, Suzanne and husband Frank Hale of Oklahoma City, Brad and wife Tamara of Oklahoma City. He is also survived by six grandchildren – Josh and Sam Fricker, and Kade, Grant, Ben, and Grace Kosanke. He will be greatly missed by many other relatives and friends.

Services for Bill are scheduled Monday, April 18, 2022, 2:00 P.M. at the Lone Wolf School Auditorium.

Public Visitation will begin Sunday, April 17, 2022 from 1:00 P.M. until 5:00 P.M. at Peoples Cooperative Funeral Home located at 1400 W. Main, Lone Wolf. (580)-846-9018.

Memorials for Bill can be made to The First Christian Church in Lone Wolf.

Online condolences can be made by visiting [www.peoplescooperativefuneralhome.com](http://www.peoplescooperativefuneralhome.com)

# Tribute Wall



“ *Bill Kent Kosanke*

October 08, 2023 at 02:10 PM



“ *Bill Kent Kosanke*

October 04, 2023 at 11:28 PM



“ *I want to add my condolences to the family of Bill Kosanke. I knew Bill and Ann and their parents William and Emma Kosanke, and Doris and Dub McConnell. Both of these families meant a great deal to me in my early years in Lone Wolf and during later visits. They always set the bar for friendship so high. Bill was such an asset to the Lone Wolf community, and reading his obituary reinforces my feelings for him. I will always be grateful for these contacts, and I will always cherish the memories that now flood back.*

*Neal Hicks  
Aurora Colorado*

Neal G Hicks - April 26, 2022 at 06:58 PM



“ *Im so sorry to read of Bills passing. I always thought Bill And Ann were wonderful people and great leaders very much admired by everyone. My sincere condolences to all the family.*

Jimmy Coalson - April 25, 2022 at 01:39 PM

KH

“ *Bill was special to our family. I will miss our talks about old times .  
Kathryn Manaugh Holland*

Kathryn Manaugh Holland - April 18, 2022 at 05:02 PM

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“ *Bill and I were raised in First Christin Church in Lone Wolf as babies and young people. We accepted Jesus and were baptized on Easter Sunday 1941 by pastor Bonyton, a blind pastor. We entered school together and graduated together in 1953. He was a true friend and a great Christian man. I'll miss him. His many stories were awesome.*

*--Pastor Otto Jesse Schaufele, Lewiston, Idaho.*

Otto Jesse Schaufele - April 18, 2022 at 12:09 AM

AB

“ *One of my favorite post office customers. He always had stories to tell me and always had pictures to show. Always giving me a history lesson of Lone Wolf. You will be missed.*



Ashley Piper Barge - April 17, 2022 at 09:56 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Bill Kent Kosanke.*



April 17, 2022 at 08:18 PM

JG

“ Bill's grandmother (Emilie) and my grandfather (Otto B. Gerlach) were siblings. Through this connection, Bill and I came to know each other as 2nd cousins. The Kosanke name resonated often through my up-bringing in Illinois as his Dad and Mom visited us Gerlachs in Dixon, Illinois. In my post college age, I personally came to know Bill (and Ann) as well as his cousin's family (The Dunns) and his Aunt Dorothy Bush in Hobart.

These have been cherished relationships for me personally as I came to know and appreciate my Oklahoma second cousins. I seem to recall that his Dad was known "Big Bill" and that Bill Kent was maybe just Bill. Both Dad and Bill Kent epitomizes to me, at least, both as True Oklahomans. They both were big, tall and strong men who carried their stature across the state in what they gave back. Also, an "Aggie" family through and through. All these are poignant memories for me as we say "goodbye" to Bill. The poignancy of all this to me is pronounced with his Memorial Service occurring tomorrow coupled with my journey this week to attend his cousin, Delmer Dunn's, service this coming weekend in Athens, GA. Love to your children. Bill, may you rest in peace, cradled in God's arms. Second Cousin, John Gerlach, Geneva, IL

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**John Gerlach** - April 17, 2022 at 06:55 PM

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“ Condolences and prayers from the James and Mary Holland - Tindle family



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**Mary Tindle** - April 17, 2022 at 06:02 PM



“ *Beautiful Dreams was purchased for the family of Bill Kent Kosanke.*



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April 17, 2022 at 03:12 PM



“ *Carleta Poling Barton purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Bill Kent Kosanke.*



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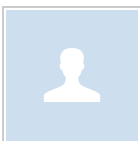
**Carleta Poling Barton** - April 17, 2022 at 10:05 AM



“ *He was my friend from the first time we met. We stayed in contact for over 70 years, our birthdays and Christmas. He was a joker about everything. I called about two weeks ago and asked how are you doing Bill. He replied just hanging in there. We visited about a half hour about classmates and other things. I will miss him and his jovial remarks. Lone Wolf has lost a great historian and a wonderful man. My thoughts and my prayers are with his wonderful family.*

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**Carleta Poling Barton** - April 17, 2022 at 09:58 AM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Bill Kent Kosanke.*



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April 17, 2022 at 12:27 AM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Bill Kent Kosanke.*



April 16, 2022 at 08:46 PM



“ *Heart's Companion Bouquet was purchased for the family of Bill Kent Kosanke.*



April 16, 2022 at 08:37 PM



“ *Sending our thoughts and prayers for you all. Bill is taking a lot of Lone Wolf history with him!*

*Cleta Davis Chain (Class of 1953)  
David & Galeen Chain*



**Cleta Davis Chain** - April 16, 2022 at 11:20 AM



*Our thoughts & prayers are with you children as you lay your dad to rest. May you find comfort in your precious memories. Paul & Sandy Everhart*

**Paul & Sandy Everhart** - April 16, 2022 at 07:43 PM

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“ *Your P&K Equipment Family purchased the Basket Full of Wishes for the family of Bill Kent Kosanke.*



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**Your P&K Equipment Family** - April 16, 2022 at 09:56 AM