



William "Bill" Beckett Sr.

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William "Bill" Donald Beckett, Sr., 90, passed away in the serenity of his home surrounded by his loving family on Saturday July 13, 2024.

Bill was born in Racine on March 15, 1934, to the late John and Esther (nee Sherbert) Beckett. He was united in marriage to the love of his life, Josephine "Josie" Rose Saavedra, on June 26, 1954, at Holy Communion Lutheran Church.

Bill was a dedicated member of Holy Communion for seventy years, serving as usher and assisting Josie with various roles including new member orientation and Evangelism committee.

Bill worked for Greene Manufacturing Company beginning when he was sixteen years old and until he retired in 1999. During this time, he was a proud Member of United Auto Workers Local 172.

Along with Josie, Bill would lovingly raise four children in the southside neighborhood where he lived for more than sixty years. As their family grew with grandchildren and great-grandchildren, Bill and Josie enjoyed their family trips to Northern Wisconsin, Michigan, Nebraska and Virginia among other places. And for many years, Bill and Josie took part in annual casino trips to Las Vegas.

Bill was an avid fan of locally grown produce, especially corn from his favorite farm on Braun Road. If you knew Bill, odds are that he supplied you with a few

cobs and shared with you the secret to cooking it properly. Bill was also particularly fond of his breakfast friends at Rosie's restaurant and loved to make his famous banana split cake for the regulars there.

Left to cherish his memory are his children, Rose (David) Bequeaith, William Jr. (Sue) Beckett and Vicki Chavez all of Racine, Cynthia (Victor Sr) Chavez of Fredricksburg, Va; twelve grandchildren, Jennifer (Joe), Rachel, Lisa (Andrew), Billy III (Amy), Victor Jr (Jacqueline), Christopher, Joshua (Maryna), Jeremy (Rosemary), Zachary, Ashley (Brian), Matthew (Emily) and Jarred; 25 Great Grandchildren: Juan, Hailey, Selena, Nevaeh, Samya, Dru, Jordan, Jaden, Jalyn, Aiden, CaiLyn, Nathan, Kaleb, Sebastian, Alec, Oliver, Penelope, Theodore, Matthew, Evan, Mia, Aleksander, Maliah, Alina and Ava; and his sisters Gladys and Betty.

Bill is also survived by brothers-in-law, sisters-in-law, nieces, nephews, other relatives and many, many dear friends.

In addition to his parents, among those who await Bill's arrival in Heaven are his loving wife Josie, siblings: Goldie, Harold, Edward, Bertha, Martha, Mary, James, Evelyn, John and Daisy, son-in-law, Domingo Chavez and great-granddaughter, Faith Haluska.

Funeral services honoring and remembering Bill's life will be held at Holy Communion Lutheran Church, 2000 West Sixth Street, on Tuesday July 23, 2024, at 6 p.m. Visitation will be held at church from 3 p.m. until service time at 6 p.m.

Bill will be laid to rest next to his beloved wife, Josie on Wednesday July 24, 2024 at 10 a.m. For those wishing to attend please meet at the cemetery entrance.

Cemetery Details

West Lawn Memorial Park

9000 Washington Ave
Racine, WI 53406

Previous Events

Visitation

JUL 23. 3:00 PM - 6:00 PM (CT)

Holy Communion Lutheran Church
2000 W. 6th Street
Racine, WI

Funeral Service

JUL 23. 6:00 PM (CT)

Holy Communion Lutheran Church
2000 W. 6th Street
Racine, WI

Tribute Wall



“ *Sturino Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of William "Bill" Beckett Sr.*



Sturino Funeral Home - July 19, 2024 at 09:17 PM

VC

*Dad ,
I know you are resting peacefully in the sky .
I miss you more with each passing day .
I am finding myself at a loss for words . The word of God speaks to me
and tells me to be still and know that you are at peace.
In the quiet I still hear your voice and I still look for you in your chair .
Times like these are hard to live with but I know this is not goodbye ,
it's I will see you later .Someday we will all be reunited again .
Forever and always
Love Vicki*

Vicki. Chavez - August 28, 2024 at 03:23 PM

VI

“ *Dad*

*I miss you more today than yesterday . Wish life would have
allowed you more time . Hope you are dancing in the skies with
mom .*

I love you !!❤️

Love Vicki

vicki - May 21 at 11:38 AM

VI

“ Dad

*Thankyou for always being my HERO !
I love you always and forever ❤️*

Love Vicki



Vicki - March 16 at 09:17 PM

VI

“ Dad ,

*Well tomorrow is your big day .I miss you
more than words can say . You always loved
a celebration . 92 and reunited with mom .I
hope you are dancing in the skies . Save a dance for me .Someday
I will be there too .
Happy heavenly birthday , I love you always and forever .*

Love Vicki



Vicki - March 14 at 09:55 AM

VC

“ Dad

*Here we are the week of your 92nd birthday . I would give anything to celebrate another year with you. No words can describe how much I miss you . I am so thankful for all the time we did have together , those precious memories are treasures . I know you are where you longed to be and you will be celebrating with mom and Mingo . We will still celebrate and honor your day for all that you were and continue to be in our lives . Your legacy lives on . Forever and always until we meet again .
Happy heavenly birthday week .*

Love Vicki

Vicki Chavez - March 08 at 11:33 PM

VC

“ *Missing my dad in heaven a little extra on this gloomy day . ❤️*

*Love you muchos
Love Vicki*



Vicki Chavez - March 04 at 07:34 AM

VI

“ Dad

*Posting a ❤️ in honor and in memory of the love we shared .
Sending hugs and kisses upwards . Happy heavenly Valentine's Day .*

Love Vicki

Vicki - February 13 at 09:40 AM

VC

“ Dad

Valentine's Day is approaching and the memory that comes to mind is one of us sitting at one of John's (Elvis) concerts . You just loved listening to his performances . Your face just lit up when he would sing a special song for you and mom . Happy Valentines Day to you and mom in heaven . Sending love upward today , tomorrow and always .

Love Vicki

Vicki Chavez - February 12 at 07:18 AM



VC

“ Dad

*I miss you more and more with each passing day . I replay all your phone messages , that said Vicki this is dad , call me , I need you . Oh I I wish heaven had a direct line so I could talk to you , mom and Mingo . I miss everything about each of you and I always will . .
Love you forever and always*

Love Vicki

Vicki Chavez - January 17 at 06:35 AM



WS

“ *This is my great great great uncle, I am a distant cousin to the family and when I was around 10 years old bill took me to the old ol fish pond and I'm pregnant. I believe that my son (William (bill) Beckett jr) is the reincarnation of William (bill) Beckett sr. thank yaoi.*

william (bill) beckett sr - January 15 at 04:35 PM

VC

“ Dad
Today is remember your Dad day !
So I light this candle for you and it glows
bright for you and all the dads we lost , but
will never forget .
I love you forever and always
Love Vicki



Vicki Chavez - October 15, 2025 at 08:21 PM

VI

“ Dad

It's hard to believe your one year
angelversary is upon us . A year ago Sunday
you left us to be with mom . Your memories
still live within us and you will never be forgotten . Your life was a
blessing ! Keep dancing in the skies , we love and miss you .
Forever and always
Love Vicki and family



Vicki - July 11, 2025 at 03:56 PM

VI

“ Happy heavenly Father's Day Dad .
We love and miss you . Sending hugs to
heaven .
Love Vicki



Vicki - June 15, 2025 at 08:26 AM

VI

“ Dad
*I light this candle in memory of you .
I am so thankful for all that you were as a
father . Your love lives on inside my heart and
although you are not physically here , I know
we will reunite again . You will always be apart of me until we meet
again .
Happy first Father's Day in heaven !
Love you forever and always
Love Vicki*



Vicki - June 13, 2025 at 05:08 PM

VI

“ *Happy heavenly Birthday Dad
We love and miss you
Forever and always
Love. Vicki and family*



Vicki - March 15, 2025 at 07:46 AM

VI

“ Dad ,
*I got your cardinal love code ! Keep them
coming . It makes my heart smile to get these
little reminders . You may be gone physically
but never forgotten.
Forever and always
Love Vicki*



vicki - January 11, 2025 at 06:35 AM

VI

“ Dad ,
It's hard to believe it's been almost 6 months since you joined mom and Mingo. We miss you more than words could ever say . Your memory lives on in each of us . Your name comes up often along with the heart print memories . Your legacy lives on forever and always .
Love Vicki



Vicki - January 09, 2025 at 08:35 AM

VC

“ Dad ,
You left behind an afterglow that has your genuine smile in it . Thankyou for being the best Dad ever . I am so blessed to be your daughter . You worked so hard for us and you are a true example of what a dad should be . I love you forever and always .
Love Vicki



vicki chavez - November 05, 2024 at 07:00 AM

VI

“ Dad ,
I hope you are enjoying dancing in the skies
with the love of your life .
You finally are right where you wanted to be
for a long time . We miss you more than you
will ever know . My heart longs for your physical being It's hard to
see your empty chair but I find comfort knowing you are reunited
with mom . You are at peace and in the arms of mom embracing
each other eternally .
Missing you always and forever
Love Vicki



Vicki - August 26, 2024 at 10:21 PM

JG

“ Julie M. & GC purchased the Simply Elegant Spa
thiphyllum for the family of William "Bill" Beckett
Sr..



Julie M. & GC - July 23, 2024 at 07:49 AM

JG

“ Julie M. & GC planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of William "Bill"
Beckett Sr..

Julie M. & GC - July 23, 2024 at 07:49 AM

PF

“ Phillips/Rodriguez Family purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of William "Bill" Beckett Sr..



Phillips/Rodriguez Family - July 23, 2024 at 12:19 AM

SH

“ Sherry Carrion, Amy & Aaron Hollow purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of William "Bill" Beckett Sr..



Sherry Carrion, Amy & Aaron Hollow - July 22, 2024 at 08:29 PM



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



July 22, 2024 at 02:41 PM

FF

“ From the Poulsen family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of William "Bill" Beckett Sr..

From the Poulsen family - July 22, 2024 at 02:41 PM



“ *Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of William "Bill" Beckett Sr..*



July 22, 2024 at 11:46 AM



“ *Enduring Grace was purchased for the family of William "Bill" Beckett Sr..*



July 21, 2024 at 04:50 PM



“ *Barb planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of William "Bill" Beckett Sr..*

Barb - July 21, 2024 at 04:50 PM



“ *Our thoughts and prayers are with you. Our sincere condolences to the entire family on your fathers passing. Randy and Donna (Folsom) West.*

Randy and Donna (Folsom) West - July 21, 2024 at 12:23 PM



*Thankyou for condolences during this difficult time .
The William Beckett sr family*

vicki chavez - July 26, 2024 at 08:09 AM

TF

“ *The McNairy, the Ray & The Woods Families purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of William "Bill" Beckett Sr..*



The McNairy, the Ray & The Woods Families - July 20, 2024 at 01:03 PM



“ *53 files added to the album Life Tributes*



Sturino Funeral Home - July 19, 2024 at 05:14 PM

JS

“ *Jean, Charlie, John, Tracey & Steve purchased the Sweet Solace Spray for the family of William "Bill" Beckett Sr..*



Jean, Charlie, John, Tracey & Steve - July 18, 2024 at 06:07 PM

RR

“ I would like to offer my condolences to the family on Bills passing and may he rest in peace. Raymond C. Rorek

RAYMOND C. Rorek - July 17, 2024 at 04:05 PM

VC

Thankyou kindly for your condolences during this difficult time .
The family of William Beckett Sr

vicki chavez - July 26, 2024 at 08:11 AM

MP

“ Melody and Paul purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of William "Bill" Beckett Sr..



Melody and Paul - July 17, 2024 at 08:58 AM

MP

“ Melody and Paul planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of William "Bill" Beckett Sr..

Melody and Paul - July 17, 2024 at 08:58 AM

BR

“ sorry to hear of your family's loss I will always remember running into Bill and Josie at reflections with my grandparents Nick and Marilyn! prayers for strength in the memories-Brittany Reading

Brittany Reading - July 16, 2024 at 01:20 PM

VC

*Thankyou kindly for your condolences , the both of them left heartprints wherever they went .
The William Beckett family*

vicki chavez - July 26, 2024 at 08:13 AM

KB

“ Uncle Billy and Aunt Josie will always be remembered by me as a very loving couple. Family was number one at all times. Many many many good memories.

Kim Beckett - July 15, 2024 at 09:56 PM

VC

*Thankyou for sharing , we appreciate your love and support .
The William Beckett Sr family*

vicki chavez - July 26, 2024 at 08:15 AM

JE

“ It has been said that you can tell a lot about a person by what they do consistently. If that is true, then grandpa was the greatest example of a life well lived I have ever known. I consider myself so very lucky to have been his grandson and to have had him in my life all of these years. I will cherish forever the memories we made as roommates, the old western shows we'd watch on tv and the baseball games and wrestling shows we attended over the years. I will especially miss the things he'd do to make us laugh- whether that was teasing my grandma Josie or sometimes intentionally mispronouncing words. Most of all, though, I'll miss the feeling of home that was there when we would open the door to his house to find him sitting in his favorite chair acknowledging us with a nod of his head and the same two fingers he'd hold up as if he was expecting us all along. Things certainly will not be the same without grandpa, but there is solace in knowing he is exactly where he has wanted to be for some time....reunited with grandma.

Jeremy - July 15, 2024 at 05:36 PM

RM

God bless such sweet memories 🙏

Randy Morrison - July 16, 2024 at 03:28 PM

VC

Thankyou for sharing your memory of grandpa . He will be dearly missed . Our loss is heaven's gain . Know that he is in his happy place with the love of his life and together they are watching over us .

The family of William Beckett sr

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vicki chavez - July 26, 2024 at 08:18 AM

VC

Dad

I can not believe it's going to be four months already this coming week . Time slips away so fast .I am truly thankful for the times we shared together .As each day comes and goes I hold close to my heart all the memories we made and wait for my turn to come . Until then I can only imagine what it will be like .

Keep dancing in the sky with mom . Forever and always

Love. Vicki

vicki chavez - November 09, 2024 at 05:10 AM