



## William "Bill" J. Andersen

June 21, 1929 - August 29, 2021

William J. "Bill" Andersen of Racine, Wisconsin passed away on Sunday August 29th, 2021, at the age of 92 at Ascension hospital. He spent the time leading up to his death surrounded by his loving family.

A lifelong Racine resident, Bill was born on June 21, 1929, to the late Carl and Hazel (nee: Steffens) Andersen. He was a member of the 1947 graduating class of Washington Park High School. After high school Bill served in the United States Navy from 1951-1953 during the Korean Conflict. On July 10, 1954, he was united in marriage to the love of his life, Patricia Ann Leslie, his "Patti". He was the owner of Andersen and Klapat Meats in Racine. Loyal customers enjoyed his homemade Danish specialties for 41 years before he retired and closed the market in 1994. Bill was a member of Messiah Lutheran Church for 67 years, serving on the church council for 32 years and singing in the choir.

Bill loved to be surrounded by his family and to have an audience for his expert joke telling. He enjoyed playing golf, fishing and bowling. He grew beautiful roses and carefully crafted wood carvings and wildlife paintings, often gifting them to family. He never missed a game, concert, event or any opportunity to cheer on his grandkids.

He was a huge fan of the Green Bay Packers and Milwaukee Brewers and loved to host Sunday afternoon Packer parties. He will be remembered as a man of strong faith, with a great sense of humor and a booming laugh that

filled up any room.

He is preceded in death by his wife Pat, parents Carl and Hazel, and brothers Robert and Warren. He is survived by his children Dave (Kim) Andersen, Karen (Bob) Carlson, Tom (Therese) Andersen, and Jill (Dave) Torgerson; grandchildren Amy (Chris) Kopp, Michael Andersen, Carly Andersen, Tim (fiancée Mina) Carlson, Cathy (Brian) Wolf, Claire Carlson, Rob Carlson, Lynne Carlson, Leah (Jordan) Martone, Alyssa (Frank) Morelli, Ryan (Marisa) Andersen, Matt (Alex) Andersen, and Emily Beck; step grandchildren Keith and Dean Torgerson and Melissa Hainey; great grandchildren Adalie and Micah Kopp, Ethan, Eden and Kellan Wolf, Margaret and Annabel Martone and Audrey and Rocco Morelli, as well as many more family members and friends. Bill's family wants to extend a big thank you to all of the employees at the 21st Street Culver's for the kindness, friendship and personal attention they extended to Bill over the years. Thank you, also, to the dedicated staff at the 2nd floor All Saints Cardiovascular Institute for their kindness and care. A family service was held to honor Bill's life on Saturday, September 4th. He will be laid to rest during a private ceremony at Southern Wisconsin Veterans Cemetery in Union Grove. In lieu of flowers please direct memorials to the American Heart Association.

# Cemetery Details

## **Southern Wisconsin Veterans Memorial Cemetery**

21731 Spring Street  
Union Grove, WI 53182

# Tribute Wall

CS

“ Karen and family- Sorry for the loss of your father. He was always so nice. I saw him a few years ago at Culvers with Dave and he was so personable and remembered me, even after all these years. I miss his medisterpølse.

*Cindy(Beres)Savage*

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**Cindy Savage** - September 07, 2021 at 02:41 PM

DL

“ Bill will be missed by his family of workers at Culvers on 21st Street. I found out that Bill's wife's sister was married to my cousin. That made us even better friends. Bill also painted a picture of my dog on an old piece of wood that I will cherish forever. My condolences to Bill's family and especially his son Dave who brought Bill into our lives at Culver's. Rest in peace Bill. You will be missed especially by me. Denise Lansing

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**Denise Lansing** - September 06, 2021 at 01:17 AM

JS

“ I am sorry to hear of Bill's passing. I was Carl and Hazel's neighbor on Indiana Street and worked many Saturday's and summers at Andersen & Klapat, making brats, medisterpølse, cleaning up and delivering meats. Bill was a delight to be around, always had a smile! He made a difference in people he was around, great man!  
*Jim Smith*

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**jim Smith** - September 05, 2021 at 02:22 PM

JB

*My Uncle Bill was one RARE, genuinely wonderful man with a caring, loving family. His wife, Aunt Pat, was his best friend. When they retired, I'd see them dining at Subway & always stop to say hello. When their children were very young, they'd come to our house after church to enjoy cookies and milk. We had so much fun playing with them. Recently, I called Uncle Bill, and we enjoyed a lively conversation. He was his jovial self, as usual, and we agreed it would fun to converse again soon. I'm so grateful I had one last chance to hear his voice. He was one of the finest men to grace this earth and dearly loved by his family and friends.*

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**Judith Barski** - September 08, 2021 at 09:49 PM