



## William L. "Bill" Dawalt

January 29, 1920 - March 8, 2014

Jan. 29, 1920 - March 8, 2014

William L. "Bill" Dawalt, 94, Rochester and formerly of Macy, passed away at 7:10 p.m. Saturday, March 8, 2014, at Millers Merry Manor of Peru.

He was born on Jan. 29, 1920, in Miami County, to Wm. Irwin and Grace O. Kerschner Dawalt. On Nov. 21, 1940, at his soon-to-be wife's parent's house, he married Emma Mae (DeHaven) Dawalt.

Bill was a dairy farmer in Miami County with his wife prior to moving to Lake Manitou in 1979.

Bill was a 1938 graduate of Gilead High School. He was a member of the Ebenezer United Methodist Church, the Order of the Eastern Star, Moose Lodge of Rochester, Lincoln Masonic Lodge 523, and a past member of the Manitou Lake Association. He also was on the REMC board in Miami County and on the school board when the North Miami school was built. He thoroughly enjoyed playing cards with friends and family, bowling, as well as fishing.

Survivors include a son, David and wife Renee Dawalt, Twelve Mile; two daughters, Grace and husband Kenny Richardson, Macy, and Patty and

husband Chris McGurie, Mexico; eight grandchildren, Stacey and Tony Dawalt, Mindee (Richardson) Turner, Wendy (Richardson) Green, Rachel Merrix, Chris McGuire, Jon and Mark Merrix; 18 great-grandchildren and ten great-great-grandchildren.

Bill was preceded in death by his wife, sister Edna Derck and brother Earl Dawalt.

Visitation will be 5:30-7:30 p.m., today at Hartzler Funeral home, Akron, with Lincoln Masonic Lodge 523 service to follow visitation at 7:30 p.m. Visitation is also, one hour prior to service on Tuesday at Ebenezer United Methodist Church.

Funeral service will be conducted at 11 a.m., Tuesday, March 11, 2014, at the Ebenezer United Methodist Church, 1100 North and Meridian Road, Miami County, with Reverend Bill Babb officiating. Burial will be in the Ebenezer Cemetery, Macy.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Ebenezer United Methodist Church. Online condolences may be expressed at [www.hartzlerfuneralservice.com](http://www.hartzlerfuneralservice.com).

# Cemetery Details

## Ebenezer Cemetery

10978 North Meridian Road  
Macy, IN

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAR **10**. 5:30 PM - 7:30 PM (ET)

Hartzler Funeral Home  
305 West Rochester Street  
P.O. Box 856  
Akron, IN 46910  
(574) 893-4423  
[info@hartzlerfuneralservices.com](mailto:info@hartzlerfuneralservices.com)  
<https://www.hartzlerfuneralservices.com>

## Service

MAR **11**. 11:00 AM (ET)

Ebenezer United Methodist Church  
1100 North Meridian Road  
Macy, IN

# Tribute Wall



“ Hartzler Funeral Services created a Tribute Video in memory of William L. "Bill" Dawalt



---

**Hartzler Funeral Services** - March 08, 2014 at 12:00 AM

CB

“ It has been many years since we lived on the Morrisey farm, but I still remember Mom and Dad (Miriam and Dale Weller) always spoke highly of your parents. My condolences for your loss, but celebrating his reunion with Mae. We shall all be there someday in celebration.

---

**Cindy Weller Brandt** - March 11, 2014 at 09:43 PM

LV

“ 94 years ago William Levi Dawalt was brought into this world. 94 years is a long time, however out of those 94 years it only took seconds for people to fall in love with the man you are. Always helping neighbors, even without a request. Grandpa was a great, generous, and godly man. We will also never forget his partner in crime who was equally as amazing and stood by his side as long as she could. They were so in love, growing up witnessing a love like Grandpa Bill and Grandma Maes was a blessing. This isn't going to be an easy thing to go through, but after seeing the fantastic life you lived and the lives you've helped create, it makes me feel better. There are pictures I can't forget and those are the ones of you and grandma. I could always tell by the look in your eyes that you were ready to finally see your shorty again. This is what gets me through, the fact that you are now with grandma again. I know its what you've been waiting for and im so happy for you. It's a honor to be your great granddaughter and to have your middle name be mine as well. Ill never forget the things youve done to bring this family closer. I hope you and grandma are having the time of your lives up there in heaven, which im positive you are:) I love you grandpa. This is goodbye for now, until we meet again.

With Love,  
Lindsey Century Levi VanHorn  
Great Granddaughter.

---

Lindsey VanHorn - March 11, 2014 at 01:50 PM

LF

“ Liz & Duane Flaherty lit a candle in memory of William L. "Bill" Dawalt



---

Liz & Duane Flaherty - March 11, 2014 at 10:25 AM

CW

“ Sincere condolences David, Grace and Patty on the death of your dad. He was a special guy to a lot of people. He and Mae played euchre with my parents many times over the years, and they shared so many stories and memories. Now Bill and my dad can rekindle their friendship in heaven. Richard and Cindy (Flenner) Walker



---

**Cindy Walker** - March 11, 2014 at 09:05 AM

LG

“ We are sorry to hear of your loss. But I can see my parents and yours playing cards and enjoying themselves. Memo. ries are pretty good,cause they are happy again. Bob and Lori



---

**Lori Gibson** - March 11, 2014 at 07:41 AM

DK

“ Our Deepest Condences, Fred & Deloris

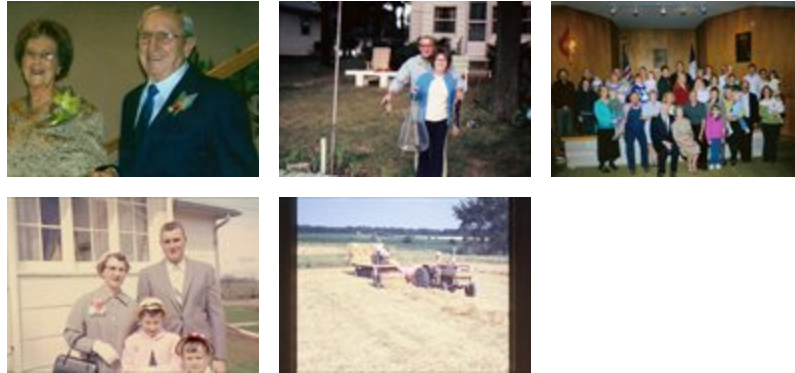


---

**Deloris Kingery** - March 10, 2014 at 09:19 AM



“ 40 files added to the album Memories Album



Hartzler Funeral Services - March 10, 2014 at 08:40 AM



“ Garden Accent Stone - "Wherever a Beautiful Soul..." was purchased for the family of William L. "Bill" Dawalt.



March 10, 2014 at 08:29 AM



“ Shirley Jane Gackenheimer lit a candle in memory of William L. "Bill" Dawalt



Shirley Jane Gackenheimer - March 09, 2014 at 09:46 PM



“ *When Bill was still able to attend church, during greeting I would always greet him as "young man". He'd give me a smile and say "young man?". I think I kind of made him blush, but I think he also got a kick out of it. He is missed by many in church, but I know he's gone to be with his girl, Mae. Till' we meet again "young man"!*

Rhonda Hostetler Miller - March 09, 2014 at 08:19 PM



“ *Rhonda Hostetler Miller lit a candle in memory of William L. "Bill" Dawalt*



Rhonda Hostetler Miller - March 09, 2014 at 08:16 PM



“ *DebbieandRonnie Berry lit a candle in memory of William L. "Bill" Dawalt*



DebbieandRonnie Berry - March 09, 2014 at 07:23 PM



“ *The family patriarch has gone to be with Grandma and I know that is quite a celebration! The angels are singing and he is finally peacefully resting with the God that he has worshipped his entire life. He has been an example of what meaning there is to have family nearby. He did so much in his life for everyone in our families and often without saying a word. I am thankful for his example of that and have tried to live it throughout my life. I am thankful for his always welcoming demeanor and openly appreciating time that was spent when we had it. You accepted my family and always made them feel part of the family. You will be missed very much but I am also hopeful that I get to enjoy a life as full as his.*

---

**Stacey Dawalt** - March 09, 2014 at 05:38 PM

KH

*David, Gracie, and Patty, So sorry to hear of your dad's passing. We are in Florida so will not be able to come to the viewing or funeral, but want you to know that we share your loss. We, but especially me have so many wonderful memories of both of your parents. They were such good friends of my parents for so many years and shared many great times together. My parents thought the world of your parents and so did I. Our thoughts and prayers are with you.*

*Love,  
Karen(Deeds) and Allen Heltzel*

---

**Karen Heltzel** - March 10, 2014 at 12:55 PM