



## William Leo Marshall

April 2, 1936 - May 11, 2019

William L. "Bill" Marshall, age 83, of Dixon, passed away on Saturday, May 11 2019, at Dixon Healthcare Center. He was born on April 2, 1936, to William J. and Grace (Rowe) Marshall of Malta. He married Carolyn Swanson on February 19 1955, at St. Mary's Church in DeKalb.

Bill graduated from Malta High School in 1954 where he excelled at basketball. After graduation he served in the US Army for 2 years. Bill worked at several jobs throughout his life! He first worked at Northern Illinois Produce in DeKalb before moving to Dixon in 1965, where he owned and operated the Corner Tap until 1976. During the late 70's he owned the Tasty Treat in Rochelle which was ran by his wife and children. Bill drove truck for 5 years before moving to Arizona where he owned a Kawasaki Suzuki motorcycle dealership and later also owned and operated 2 radiator shops. Bill retired as a correctional officer from the state prison in Yuma, AZ. After his retirement he and his wife lived and worked at Fortuna de Oro RV resort in AZ until moving back to Dixon in 2005 to spend more time with our family!

Bill lived his life to the very fullest! Some of his hobbies included; earning his private pilot license for flying, riding motorcycles, and boating on the Rock River. Bill enjoyed camping so much that he owned 11 different RV's; traveling with his wife to almost all 50 states including Alaska!

Survivors include his wife, Carolyn of 64 years; 4 children; Michael (Tricia) Marshall of Dixon, Karen (Mick) Dowell of Fishers, IN, Daniel (Alycia) Marshall and Sandra Marshall both of Dixon; 3 grandchildren; Alan (Ashley) Dowell of Florida, Andy (Jessica) Dowell of Indiana, and Michelle Smith of Dixon; two great-grandchildren; Cora and Isla Dowell of Florida; 2 sisters Beverly Gelli and MaryAnne (Jerry) Roberts of Malta; his sister-in-law Barbara Astling of DeKalb, as well as several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents; 3 brothers-in-law Raymond Gelli, Roger Astling and Robert Swanson; one sister-in-law Carole Swanson, and niece Jill Swanson.

Visitation will be held on Wednesday, May 15, 2019, from 9:00 AM until time of service in the church. Mass of Christian Burial will follow on Wednesday, at 10:30 AM in St. Patrick Catholic Church in Dixon with the Rev. Keith Romke, Pastor, officiating. Burial will follow with Military Honors at Chapel Hill Memorial Gardens in Dixon. A memorial has been

established. The family would like to thank Vitas Hospice and staff at Dixon Rehab and Healthcare Center for their compassionate care!

# Events

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**MAY**   **Visitation**   09:00AM - 10:30AM

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St. Patrick Catholic Church in Dixon  
612 S. Highland Ave., Dixon, IL, US, 61021

**MAY**   **Service**   10:30AM - 11:30AM

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# Comments

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“ Pink Tribute Spray was purchased for the family of William Leo Marshall.



May 13 at 10:28 PM

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“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of William Leo Marshall.



May 13 at 01:52 PM

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“ Dear Carolyn and family..so loved knowing you both and working with you at Fortuna death Oro in Yuma AZ. Glad we got to visit with you a couple times after moving back to Dixon. We will be sure to keep in touch. Our thoughts and prayers are with you at this sad time.

**Keith and Linda Shook** - May 12 at 06:39 PM

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“ So many memories of Mr.Marshall, golf balls for playing jacks, helping at the Corner Tap filling up mustard, ketchup bottles and salt n pepper shakers and filling up the napkin holders, road trip to a beach front lake in Rock Falls or Sterling. But my favorite is when Karen and I baked a double batch of brownies and we left out an ingredient and they came out flat and hard as a hockey puck but he gnawed on one and made us feel like they were as good as Snow White bakery. I will also not forget how Bill and Carolyn road tripped back to Cortland for a surprise 25th wedding anniversary party for my parents. Great neighbors and friends. My heartfelt sympathy to you all in this time of grief yet joyful celebration of a life well lived.

**Linda Craig Tobias** - May 12 at 05:43 PM