



## William J. Worrell

December 20, 1927 - August 26, 2020

William J. "Bill" Worrell, age 92 years, a resident of Vienna, passed away unexpectedly Wednesday evening, August 26, 2020, at 6:33 PM at his home.

Bill was born December 20, 1927 in Carbondale, Illinois. He was the son of F.E. and Esther (McCormack) Worrell.

On April 28, 1951, Bill was united in marriage to Nan Helme in Evanston, Illinois. Together, they enjoyed 66 years of marriage. Nan preceded him in death on February 15, 2018.

Bill is survived by: his children – William "Skip" Worrell of Palatine, Illinois, Victoria Chamberlain of Lakin, Kansas, and John Worrell of Firestone, Colorado; 3 grandchildren – Danny Chamberlain, Laurie Collins, and Pete Chamberlain; as well as 3 great grandchildren – Bentley Collins, Brady Chamberlain, and Austin Collins.

In addition to his parents and wife, Bill was preceded in death by: a brother and sister-in-law – James and Thelma Worrell.

Bill was a 1945 graduate of Vienna High School. He then attended Southern Illinois University at Carbondale and earned a Bachelors Degree from the University of Illinois.

Bill served in the Army of Occupation in Japan during his military service from 1946 – 1947. He received an honorable discharge from the U.S. Army in May 1947.

Bill was employed for over 30 years by the Illinois Department of Public Aid. He served for many years as the superintendent of the Johnson County office prior to his retirement.

Bill was a member of the former Vienna Kiwanis Club. He was a 65 year member of the Masonic fraternity and Vienna Masonic Lodge # 150 A.F. & A.M. He served as the lodge's Worshipful Master during the year 1960.

Bill and Nan were active and faithful members of the Vienna First United Methodist Church. In his spare time, Bill enjoyed a number of activities, including: golfing, traveling, raising roses and framing photographs and artwork. Bill was a faithful St. Louis Cardinals baseball fan.

A graveside service honoring the life of William J. "Bill" Worrell will be conducted Sunday afternoon, August 30, 2020, at 2 PM at the Vienna Fraternal Cemetery. Pastor Russ Kreuter will officiate.

Military honors will be accorded by the Beggs-Gurley VFW Post # 5222 and the Illinois National Guard burial honors detail. Additionally, masonic rites will be conducted by Vienna Masonic Lodge # 150 A.F. & A.M.

Those attending the service are invited to gather at the cemetery at 1:45 PM.

Memorials may be made to the charity of the donor's choice. Contribution envelopes will be available at the service or you may stop by Bailey Funeral Home for assistance.

Those attending the service are asked to observe customarily accepted social distancing guidelines and are requested to wear a face mask or covering.

# Cemetery Details

## Vienna Fraternal Cemetery

N. 6th Street  
Vienna, IL

# Previous Events

## Graveside Service

AUG 30. 2:00 PM (CT)

Vienna Fraternal Cemetery  
N. 6th Street  
Vienna, IL

# Tribute Wall



“ *William J. Worrell*

January 30, 2023 at 12:19 AM



“ *Sorry for the passing of your dear father. You are in my thoughts and prayers.*  
*Joy Bundren*

**Joy Bundren** - September 03, 2020 at 07:13 PM



“ *So very sorry to hear of your dad's passing, Vicky! May you and your family embrace the special memories, and may God give you peace.*  
*Debbie Sue (Webb) Horn*

**DEBBIE HORN** - August 29, 2020 at 07:34 PM



“ *Skip, Vick, and John very saddened to learn of Bill's passing. You are in my thoughts.*  
*Greg*

**Greg Walker** - August 29, 2020 at 04:23 PM



“ *Margie & Harvey Smith lit a candle in memory of William J. Worrell*



**Margie & Harvey Smith** - August 29, 2020 at 03:23 PM

FM

“ So saddened for your loss. My sympathies to the family. Bill was the sweetest and kindest man that I know. I know he will be missed.



Faye Mize - August 29, 2020 at 12:40 PM

LM

“ Larry W. Mizell lit a candle in memory of William J. Worrell



Larry W. Mizell - August 29, 2020 at 12:40 PM

WD

“ Sorry for the loss of Bill. He was always a pleasant and thoughtful person. He and Nan were always so gracious when I would visit at their home, and you could always count on Bill having such a warm smile, when he greeted you. Johnson County has lost a wonderful person.

Wayne Dunn - August 28, 2020 at 09:48 PM

MM

Vicky I am so sorry for your loss. I am praying for peace for you and your family.

Michele McGill - August 30, 2020 at 10:27 AM

JW

“ We are sending our condolences to the family regarding the loss of Bill. He was a fine man and will be greatly missed.  
Judge and Mrs. James R. Williamson

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**Judge James R. Williamson** - August 28, 2020 at 08:56 PM

TR

“ Teresa Richerson lit a candle in memory of William J. Worrell



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**Teresa Richerson** - August 28, 2020 at 06:31 PM

KH

“ Love and comfort to all, Katie (Briggs) & Parker Hodges



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**Katie Hidges** - August 28, 2020 at 11:45 AM

WF

“ Walter Briggs and Family purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of William J. Worrell.



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**Walter Briggs and Family** - August 28, 2020 at 11:03 AM

JB

“ *Jody Briggs lit a candle in memory of William J. Worrell*



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**Jody Briggs** - August 28, 2020 at 10:50 AM

DO

“ *Skip-----keeping you in our thoughts and prayers.*

*David Oliver*

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**David Oliver** - August 28, 2020 at 08:50 AM

RG

“ *Roy And Janet Gilbert lit a candle in memory of William J. Worrell*



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**Roy and Janet Gilbert** - August 28, 2020 at 12:08 AM

VB

“ *So sorry to hear of the loss of your father.I always enjoyed being around him when he came to school functions with your mother. You are in my prayers and I think of each of you often.*

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**Vera Bedwell** - August 27, 2020 at 08:08 PM

CB

“ Carol Bryant lit a candle in memory of William J. Worrell



Carol Bryant - August 27, 2020 at 07:14 PM

CB

*My mom was neighbors with Nan and Bill he was such a nice man I liked how he laughed at My mom Bruni Orange when she commented on what a handsome man he was lol*

Carol Bryant - August 27, 2020 at 07:17 PM

MM

*I knew Bill and Nan for most of my life--he was on the Vienna Public Library Board for many years and was such a knowledgeable member. He was always kind to me and always "lit up the room" with that wonderful smile! Margaret Mathis & Board Members, Vienna Public Library*

Margaret Mathis - August 29, 2020 at 02:18 PM

JR

“ James And Diane Rainbolt lit a candle in memory of William J. Worrell



James and Diane Rainbolt - August 27, 2020 at 04:00 PM

TA

“ *Teresa Anderson lit a candle in memory of William J. Worrell*



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**Teresa Anderson** - August 27, 2020 at 03:13 PM

JM

“ *Jeannie McCall lit a candle in memory of William J. Worrell*



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**Jeannie McCall** - August 27, 2020 at 02:04 PM

LG

“ *Lora Goddard lit a candle in memory of William J. Worrell*



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**Lora Goddard** - August 27, 2020 at 01:35 PM

BC

“ *So sorry! Always thought a lot of Bill and Nan.*

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**Bob and Kim Collins** - August 27, 2020 at 12:27 PM

LB

“ To my best friend Bill's family, I know Bill is with Nan now. Bill was such a special person to me. He always greeted me with a smile and a hug. If i didn't find Bill out and about at Autumn Ridge I would always go to his apartment for a visit. I'm glad he is pain free and doesn't have to worry about the walker anymore. To Bill, thanks for teaching me so many lessons, especially about history. I will miss you so much. Love, Lilee

Lilee Black - August 27, 2020 at 11:56 AM

KB

“ Karen Brumley lit a candle in memory of William J. Worrell



Karen Brumley - August 27, 2020 at 11:53 AM

BW

“ Bill And Barb Warmack lit a candle in memory of William J. Worrell



Bill and Barb Warmack - August 27, 2020 at 11:19 AM

DB

“ Dorothy Bacon lit a candle in memory of William J. Worrell



Dorothy Bacon - August 27, 2020 at 10:50 AM