



William G. Knisel

November 20, 1949 - March 26, 2018

SAND CREEK – William G. Knisel, age 68 of Sand Creek, passed away at his home, Monday, March 26, 2018, surrounded by his treasured family.

Born November 20, 1949, in Adrian, Michigan, he was the only son of Jarvis and Betty (Bexten) Knisel. He graduated from Blissfield High School with the Class of 1967, and attended Michigan State University.

On December 13, 1980, he married Ann Hinsdale in Sand Creek, and they have celebrated 37 years of marriage.

After working for Bailey's Tree Service, Bill purchased the business in 1974, renaming it Knisel's Tree Service, serving Lenawee County and the surrounding area. In 1985 he established Tree Top Belgians, combining his passion for breeding, raising, and showing Belgian horses with his tree service. He was a member of the Belgian Draft Horse Association, where he served as a judge at horse shows. Through his work with horses, Bill enjoyed building relationships within the Amish community.

In addition to his wife Ann, he is survived by his children: Jason of Riga, and Jenna of Adrian; grandchildren, Cloé and Seth; sisters, Karla (Bill) Kasefang of Adrian and Kris (Mark) Hubbard of Temperance; and his father-in-law, Robert Hinsdale of Sand Creek.

He was preceded in death by his parents and mother-in-law, Ardyth Hinsdale.

The family appreciates and thanks Dr. Mowat and his staff, University of Michigan Doctors and students, as well as family, the local community and Amish friends for all the love and support.

Funeral services will take place at 2 p.m., Thursday, March 29, 2018, at Wagley Funeral Home with his brother-in-law, Grover Hinsdale officiating. Burial will follow at Sand Creek Cemetery with Rev. Jamie Driskill officiating. Visitation will be held at the funeral home Wednesday, from 5 to 8 p.m.

In lieu of flowers, contributions in memory of Bill are suggested to Sand Creek Community Church or Hospice of Lenawee. Online condolences and memories may be shared at www.WagleyFuneralHomes.com.

Cemetery Details

Sand Creek Cemetery

440 Bryant Road
Sand Creek, MI

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 28. 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Wagley Funeral Home (Adrian)
1501 W. Maumee St.
Adrian, MI 49221
(517) 263-1400
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Funeral Service

MAR 29. 2:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *William G. Knisel*

January 28, 2023 at 12:24 PM



“ *Ann, I am so sorry for your loss. Sending prayers to you and your family*

Kim Young - April 20, 2018 at 11:37 AM



“ *Ann, Jenna and family. I am so sorry to hear of Bill's passing. Please know you are in my thoughts and prayers. Much love! Ruthie*

Ruth Sutton - March 30, 2018 at 06:03 PM



“ *Certainly it is my loss that I never got to know Bill although I did meet him once many years ago, However I do remember a Miss Hinsdale very vividly as she joined the Extension Team in Lenawee Co. and MSU as well. Know that we morn with you over your loss but hold fond memories of the many gifts you brought to your various roles. .Blessings.*

Ray & Mary Gillespie

Ray Gillespie - March 30, 2018 at 09:53 AM

CS

“ We send all our prayers. Did not know or we would have attended. We have a lot of great memories and stories of Bill. He was a great man. We all had a lot of fun.
Kevin and Chris Shanahan

christine shanahan - March 29, 2018 at 03:35 PM

PG

“ Dear Ann and Family,
We are so sorry for your great loss. Please know that you are in our thoughts.

Bill and Patti Gira

Patti Gira - March 29, 2018 at 10:12 AM

JB

“ Ann, family and friends:

My dearest sympathy for your loss. Hugs and prayers Ann ❤️

Joe Bixler - March 29, 2018 at 05:25 AM

LD

“ Dear Ann, Jenna and family,
We are sending our condolences for your loss of your husband William Knisel,
RIP. We will keep you in our prayers for strength and consolation.
God bless you.
Mr. & Mrs. Luis & Awilda Dominguez

Luis & Awilda Dominguez - March 28, 2018 at 11:49 PM

JL

“ *Ann and Family, Bill was a honest and hard working man. It was a pleasure and honor to work for him. Jim Leonard*

James Leonard - March 28, 2018 at 07:22 PM

LM

“ *Ann, Mike and I are so sorry to hear of the passing of your husband. Please know that you and your family will be remembered in our prayers.*

Lois McAuliffe - March 28, 2018 at 05:21 PM

KR

“ *A great picture! Sending hugs to the families of Bill's!*

Karen Roback - March 28, 2018 at 03:54 PM

RO

“ *So very sorry to hear of your loss. He will be missed in Sand Creek. A wonderful man.*

Robin Oram - March 28, 2018 at 03:53 PM

LS

“ *Anne,*

So sorry to hear about your loss.

May your memories of love and joy sustain you through this difficult time.

Larry Schroeder

Larry Schroeder - March 28, 2018 at 03:29 PM

BB

“ Dear Ann and Family,

We've had the pleasure of Bill's acquaintance for many years and have always held the impression that Bill carried himself as a sincere professional gentleman with a heart that matched that Paul Bunyan lumberjack physique of his. In our dealings with Bill as an arborist we were always impressed how thorough he was and how things had to meet the homeowner's satisfaction before Bill considered the job complete.

Kaye and I always enjoyed watching Bill at the reins of those massive Belgium horses whenever Bill made an appearance at any of the local parades. Watching him come down the street with that team of beautiful horses pulling that high-wheeled wagon was always a show-stopper for us.

Rest in Peace, Bill. You are now completely healed.

Brian and Kaye Bowman

Brian Bowman - March 28, 2018 at 01:36 PM



“ *Crystal Cross Bouquet was purchased for the family of William G. Knisel.*



March 28, 2018 at 12:50 PM

LS

“ *May God bless you with the loving support of family and friends. Sending you our love and prayers. Dan and Linda*

Linda Salenbien - March 28, 2018 at 08:26 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of William G. Knisel.*



March 28, 2018 at 08:01 AM



“ *Jeanie Whitehead lit a candle in memory of William G. Knisel*



Jeanie Whitehead - March 27, 2018 at 11:19 PM



*So sorry to hear about the loss of Bill. Our prayers goes out to all of you family and friends. I remember the one yr at the Lyons Christmas parade Jim and Laurie and I went down and rode in the parade, I asked Laurie which one we was going to ride on the tractor or horses. I said want the horses. It was really cold but I had one of the best times.RIP Bill now you can ride your horses in Heaven all you want and no more pain.
Jeanie Whitehead*

Jeanie Whitehead - March 27, 2018 at 11:28 PM



“ *We are so very sorry for the loss of your precious husband, Dad & Grandpa. Asking God to bless you all with loving memories. God bless & be wth you.
Bob & Sharon Shadewald*



sharon shadewald - March 27, 2018 at 10:21 PM

JR

“ Please accept our sincere sympathy in your great loss Ann & family, our prayers are lifted for your comfort! Judy (Deshler) & Russ Robinette

judy robinette - March 27, 2018 at 10:18 PM

BI

“ I worked in Lyons oh. Bill helped us out many times. Would always ask about Bob Hinsdale as I worked for him ad a teenager. So sorry to hear of your loss. God's blessings to all the family. Bob Iffland

Bob iffland - March 27, 2018 at 09:32 PM

TG

“ The cookie group purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of William G. Knisel.



The cookie group - March 27, 2018 at 08:48 PM

CK

“ Carol Kiley lit a candle in memory of William G. Knisel



Carol Kiley - March 27, 2018 at 08:23 PM

RO

“ Jim and I are praying for all of you. I graduated with Bill. My dad, Dean Neuman, Jim and I always enjoyed visiting with him, when he was working in Blissfield. He was always kind. Sincerely, Jim and Bertie Novak

Roberta - March 27, 2018 at 04:59 PM

DB

“ Bill was a wonderful man. We knew him for a long time and worked on many of his horses for years. He was a wonderful horseman and showed the Belgians at many fairs. We always enjoyed being around him and talking with him. He will be missed by all who knew him including Doc and I. He loved life and enjoyed it to the fullest, it is so sad that he is gone. May he rest in peace.

Doc & Martha Burke - March 27, 2018 at 04:55 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of William G. Knisel.



March 27, 2018 at 04:04 PM

BV

“ Ann and family, I was very sorry to hear of Bill's passing. Bill and I worked on a couple of tree projects together when we both first started in bussiness. My children got to know Bill through 4 H and horse shows. Bill was always pleasant and a help to all. I hope the family will find peace with his passing. Your in my thoughts and prayers. Sincerely, Bob Vogel

Bob Vogel - March 27, 2018 at 03:41 PM

WC

“ *Ann and family..... Prayers for you as you say the final goodbyes to Bill... He was a sincere, hard-working man with many talents.....*

Wayne Carpenter - March 27, 2018 at 03:39 PM

FB

“ *We are so very sorry for your loss.*

Fred and Germaine Binns - March 27, 2018 at 01:50 PM