

William "Bill" Sorensen, 58

Oct. 10, 1951 - Aug. 6, 2010

WESTPHALIA — William Albert Sorensen, son of Robert "Rusty" and Dorothy (Schneider) Sorensen, was born on October 10, 1951 in Harlan. Bill attended school in Harlan and graduated with the Harlan Community High School class of 1970.

After high school, Bill joined the United States Army where he served overseas in Thailand, Germany and Egypt. While serving his country, Bill was awarded the Vietnam Service Medal, Army Commendation Medal with three oak leaves, Meritorious Service Medal and the Army Achievement Medal among others. While in the service, Bill also attended Central Michigan University where he received

his Masters in Psychology. After his honorable discharge on June 30, 1990, Bill returned to Harlan and began working at CDS. Bill then began working for the Papillion-LaVista Schools in Omaha and later took the position of Veteran's Affairs Officer for Shelby County. Bill took great pride in his country and assisting veterans throughout Shelby County. He was instrumental in bringing the Vietnam Memorial Wall traveling exhibit to Harlan and worked countless hours raising funds. Bill then worked for a short while at Mickel's Restaurant in Harlan. Bill was also a proud member of the Earling American Post No. 615. Bill died on Friday, August 6, 2010 at the Myrtue Memorial Hospital having attained the age of fifty-eight years, nine months and twenty-seven days.

Bill was preceded in death by his parents. He is survived by his brother Mike Sorensen and his wife Laura of Dow City; his niece Amy and her husband Craig Crilly of Harlan; other relatives and many friends.

Pastor Steven Chellew officiated the 10:30 AM funeral service on Wednesday, August 11, 2010 at Pauley Jones Funeral Home in Harlan. The Earling American Legion Post No. 615 served as honorary casket bearers. Interment was held at the Iowa Veterans Cemetery in Van Meter.



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