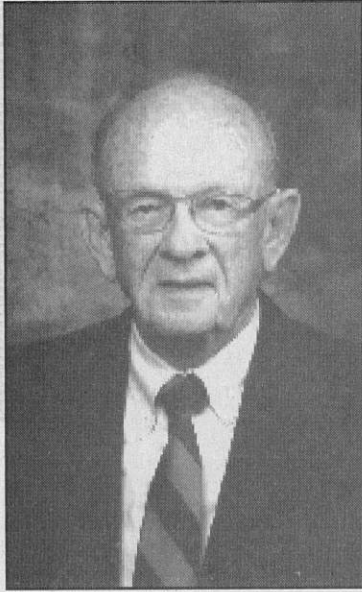


Obituaries

Bill Bolen

Oct. 31, 1935 - Sept. 29, 2022



Bill Bolen, 86, of Montezuma passed away September 29, 2022 at UnityPoint Grinnell Regional Medical Center. Funeral services will be at 10:30 a.m. October 7, 2022 at Holland-Coble Funeral Home in Montezuma.

Burial will be held in Jackson Township Cemetery, Montezuma. Visitation begins after 12 p.m. Thursday, October 6, 2022 at the Holland-Coble Funeral Home, Montezuma with the family present from 5 to 7 p.m. Memorial contributions may be directed to the Blue and White Athletic Department or the Montezuma Fire Dept. Holland-Coble Funeral Home of Montezuma is in charge of arrangements.

Charles William "Bill" Bolen was born October 31, 1935 in Poweshiek County to Gerald and Eleanor "Lois" Swecker Bolen. Bill was graduated from Montezuma High School in 1954 and went on to graduate from Drake University, while also

playing varsity basketball.

On September 8th, 1956 he married his high school sweetheart, Shirley Arendt at the Montezuma Methodist Church. They became the parents of two children, Mark and LeAnn.

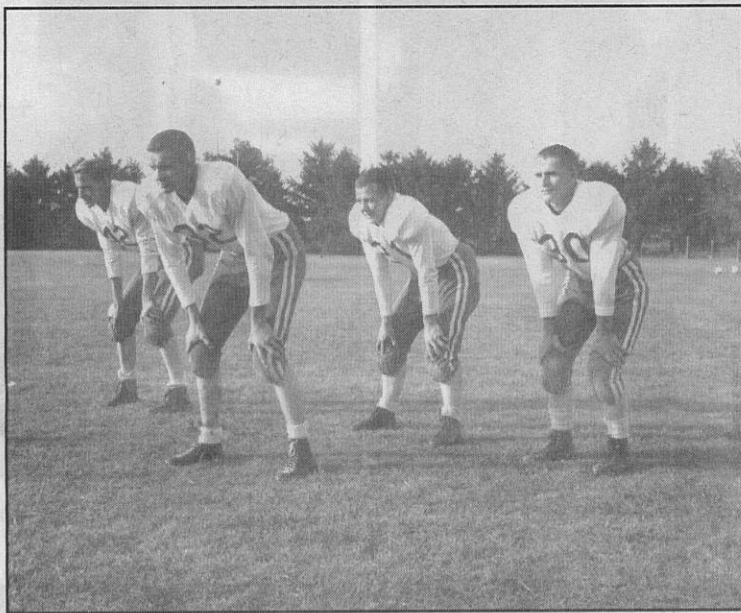
Bill began his career as a teacher at Lynnville-Sully and coached all levels of girls' and boys' basketball for 3 ½ years. In 1962, Bill and Shirley moved to Montezuma and Bill began his 60-year career at the People's Savings Bank.

He semi-retired from the bank when they began wintering in Palm Desert, California and also spent time in Phoenix, Arizona. Bill loved his family and sports and attended every sporting event that he could that his children, grandchildren, and great grandchildren participated in. He enjoyed playing golf and had four holes-in-one during his lifetime.

Bill was a member of the Sully Lions, the Montezuma Lions, the Montezuma Jaycees, the Montezuma Fire Department for 26 years, and officiated at the Drake Relays for 43 years.

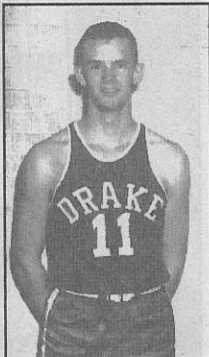
He was honored to be in the first class of inductees into the Montezuma Athletic Hall of Fame in 2016. He spent many hours as a starter for the high school track meets and as a high school referee. He was also a member of the Montezuma Methodist Church and a member of the Iowa Banker's Association.

Bill is survived by his wife, Shirley of Montezuma; his children, Mark (Robin) Bolen of Montezuma and LeAnn (Steve) Chastain of Scottsdale, Arizona; his grandchildren, Bill (Jacki) Bolen, Dana Bolen, Curtis (Aimee) Bolen, Alan (Polly) Bolen, Logan (Bethani) Chastain, Connor Chastain, and Colin Chastain; 8 great grandchildren and 2 great-great grandchildren; one step-brother, Dan (Nancy) Agnew, as well as many other nieces, nephews and friends.



ABOVE PHOTO SHOWS Bill, far left, on the old west football field in the fall of 1953 along with his backfield made up of Beebe, McCoy and the speedy Jimmy Fisk.

PHOTO AT RIGHT is of Bill as a Drake University Bulldog.



Tribute to Bill

By Al Rabenold

Record
10-6-2022

Montezuma lost a great one last week. I never saw the late Bill Bolen play but I heard numerous stories about his feats at MHS and later at Drake University in the '50s.

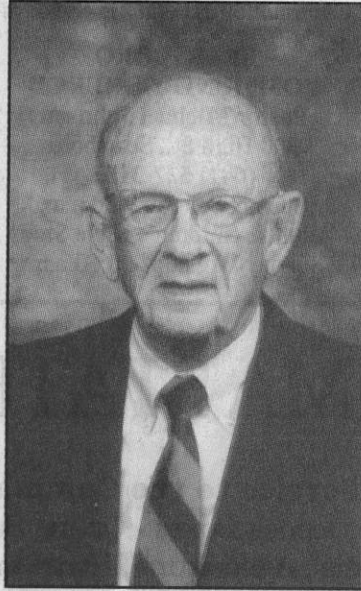
I always enjoyed listening to Bill talk about Montezuma's outstanding athletes from the past.

As a high school basketball coach, I tried to "pick his brain" and get his feel for what we were doing and how we could get better.

I would visit him in his office at Peoples Savings Bank. Bill was honest with me and told me exactly how he saw it.

Early in the basketball season I would invite him to our practices or scrimmages to "scout" us. Bill was a loyal supporter of the Montezuma community and our school.

I was a better coach because of Bill. I am going to miss him



BILL BOLEN
R.I.P. Bill Bolen

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