

William J. “Bill” Crone, 98, of Moorhead, MN, passed away Tuesday, July 29, 2025, in Sanford Hospice house – Fargo.

William Junior Crone was born March 2, 1927, the son of William and Carrie (Hyre) Crone in Columbia City, IN. He would later move with his family to Seattle, WA, where he attended school. After receiving his education, Bill would then enlist in the U.S. Army serving during WWII.

Following his discharge, Bill relocated to Montana where he experienced a pivotal moment in this life at a Methodist Revival, which led him to embrace Christianity. This newfound faith motivated him to pursue an education at Northwest Bible College in Minot, ND, where he met his future wife, Evelyn. On June 23, 1951, he was united in marriage to Evelyn Hauff in Bozeman, MT. The couple then moved to Haynes, ND, where Bill would teach and serve as the school Principal.

Bill and Evelyn would later move to the Fargo/Moorhead area where they establish their home and raise their family. During this period, Bill decided to further his education by earning his master’s degree from Moorhead State University and North Dakota State University. He then went to work for the State in North Dakota and Minnesota as a Rehabilitation Counselor, initially serving the deaf community, and later focusing on the visually impaired, until retiring in 1994. Evelyn passed away June 27, 2009. In August of 2009, Bill was united in marriage to Arlene Hammer, and they continued to make their home in Moorhead.

Faith and evangelism were central to Bill’s life, and he held a deep passion for the mission of Gideons International, dedicated to spreading the Gospel and sharing God’s Word.

In his leisure time, Bill enjoyed fishing and travel expeditions.

He is survived by his wife, Arlene; children, Timothy (Rhona) Crone, Pamela (Jerry) Lystarczyk, Mike Crone twelve grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents; wife, Evelyn; son, Daniel; daughter in-law, Denise; brother, Marland; sister Kathern;



CELEBRATING THE LIFE OF



William J. “Bill” Crone

March 2, 1927 - July 29, 2025

Whoever dwells in the shelter of the Most High
will rest in the shadow of the Almighty.
I will say of the LORD, "He is my refuge and my fortress,
my God, in whom I trust."
Surely he will save you from the fowler's snare
and from the deadly pestilence.
He will cover you with his feathers,
and under his wings you will find refuge;
his faithfulness will be your shield and rampart.
You will not fear the terror of night,
nor the arrow that flies by day,
nor the pestilence that stalks in the darkness,
nor the plague that destroys at midday.
A thousand may fall at your side,
ten thousand at your right hand,
but it will not come near you.
You will only observe with your eyes
and see the punishment of the wicked.
If you say, "The LORD is my refuge,"
and you make the Most High your dwelling,
no harm will overtake you,
no disaster will come near your tent.
For he will command his angels concerning you
to guard you in all your ways;
they will lift you up in their hands,
so that you will not strike your foot against a stone.
You will tread on the lion and the cobra;
you will trample the great lion and the serpent.
"Because he^[b] loves me," says the LORD, "I will rescue him;
I will protect him, for he acknowledges my name.
He will call on me, and I will answer him;
I will be with him in trouble, I will deliver him and honor him.
With long life I will satisfy him and show him my salvation."
- Psalm 91

Bill's Funeral Service

Friday, August 1, 2025 - 3:30 PM
Korsmo Funeral and Cremation Service
Moorhead, Minnesota

Officiating

Chaplain Mary Jo Zacher
Sanford Hospice

Accompanist

Breanna Breidenbach

The Service

Opening Song	<i>What A Day That Will Be</i>
Opening Prayer	
Reading of Psalm 91	
Scripture Readings	
Message	
Musical Selection	<i>I'll Fly Away</i> by Alan Jackson
Prayer and Our Father	
Closing Prayer	
Benediction	
Closing Song	<i>Mansion Over the Hill Top</i>

Casket Bearers

Sam Crone	Nicholas Bartosch
Kevin Crone	Mark Umutyon

Final Place of Rest

Riverside Cemetery
Moorhead, Minnesota



*The family of William "Bill" Crone thanks you for your
presence here today and for your many acts of kindness.*