



William L. "Bill" Buchanan

March 1, 1944 - June 13, 2022

NORFOLK -- Memorial service for William L. "Bill" Buchanan, 78, of Norfolk will be held at 10:30 a.m., Saturday, June 18, 2022 at the Stonacek Funeral Chapel in Norfolk. Rev. Terry Buol will be officiating the service. Inurnment will be held at a later date at the Hopewell Cemetery, Unadilla, NE. Visitation will begin one hour prior to the service on Saturday. Military rites will be provided by the American Legion Post #16, V.F.W. Post #1644, Norfolk, Nebraska, and American Legion Riders. The service will be live-streamed on the Stonacek Funeral Chapel website at <https://www.stonacekfuneralchapel.com/obituaries/William-Buchanan-15/#!/PhotosVideos>. Bill passed away on Monday, June 13, 2022 at the Avera-McKenna Hospital in Sioux Falls, South Dakota. Stonacek Funeral Chapel in Norfolk is in charge of the arrangements.

William Lee Buchanan (Bill) was brought into the world on March 1, 1944 by Maxine (Ward) Buchanan and Roy Buchanan, in Lincoln, NE. Bill's upbringing was typical for a kid from Nebraska. He attended Douglas High School, in Douglas, NE., class of 1962. From there he went to the University of Nebraska at Lincoln (Go Huskers!). In 1967, he earned his degree in engineering, which served him well throughout his life.

The year 1967 was a big year for Bill. He married Barbara Jean Reed (Hipp). Their son Mike was born in 1968. By then, Bill had volunteered and was already in Vietnam, serving our country. He returned stateside in 1969 and by

1971 Mike had a baby brother – Shad. Soon another would arrive and Ryan would complete the family. Almost....

Some people are bonded by blood and others by love. Such was the case with Brad Kruse. Though not Bill's natural son, he was - and still is – one of Bill's boys, in all ways that mattered.

Bill married Betty Osborne in 1987. Betty had two daughters - Cindy Kimmons and Linda Bua. Cindy and Linda were thrilled to welcome Bill as their Step-Dad and Bill was just as happy to take on that role.

Bill received an Honorable Discharge from the military in 1973. He took his engineering degree and Army experience and put them to work at Dale Electronics. During his tenure there, he earned numerous awards and citations. He worked in their Norfolk, Yankton and Columbus facilities. He also made many trips overseas for them to teach others in different locations how to use their machinery.

Eventually, he was transferred to El Paso, TX and Juarez, Mex. He retired from Dale in 1993, and moved to Lake Havasu, AZ to open his own business. In Lake Havasu, he owned and ran Mailboxes etc. until 2014. He then lived in Lincoln, NE for awhile, but soon moved back to Norfolk to be nearer to family.

For an engineer, Bill's interests were pretty diverse. He loved making stained glass pieces, Country & Western music, Johnny Horton, playing the guitar and being a campground host. He was an excellent cook, loved to eat good food, spending time at his camper and was the undisputed King of Drum Fishing.

Everyone loved Bill. Some of the people he left behind to cherish his memory are Mike Buchanan, Shad Buchanan, Ryan (Kelli) Buchanan, Brad Kruse, Cindy Kimmons, Linda Bua and his brother Ron (Ethel) Ward. He leaves also

his grandchildren, Blake Buchanan, Danielle (Kody) Dunn, Adriona Buchanan, Leia Buchanan, Hunter Buchanan, Ally Feddern, Jessica Rodgers, Taryn Lawson, Andrew Kimmons, Danayella Bua and Ryan Bua.

Bill was preceded by both wives, Barbara Jean Buchanan and Betty Buchanan, and his parents, Maxine and Roy Buchanan.

Condolences may be expressed to the family on-line at www.stonacekfuneralchapel.com.

Previous Events

Visitation

JUN 18. 9:30 AM - 10:30 AM (CT)

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Memorial Service

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Tribute Wall



“ *Stonacek Funeral Chapel created a Webcast in memory of William L. "Bill" Buchanan*



Stonacek Funeral Chapel - June 18, 2022 at 11:22 AM



“ *Stonacek Funeral Chapel created a Tribute Video in memory of William L. "Bill" Buchanan*



Stonacek Funeral Chapel - June 16, 2022 at 10:15 AM



“ *William L. "Bill" Buchanan*

October 05, 2023 at 03:46 AM



“ *Love Everlasting Bouquet* was purchased for the family of William L. "Bill" Buchanan.



June 16, 2022 at 03:37 PM



“ *109 files added to the album Life Tributes*



Stonacek Funeral Chapel - June 16, 2022 at 10:03 AM



“ *Treasured Lilies Spray* was purchased for the family of William L. "Bill" Buchanan.



June 16, 2022 at 09:18 AM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of William L. "Bill" Buchanan.



June 16, 2022 at 09:11 AM



“ Large Basket Garden was purchased for the family of William L. "Bill" Buchanan.



June 15, 2022 at 06:42 PM



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of William L. "Bill" Buchanan.



June 15, 2022 at 04:16 PM



“ Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of William L. "Bill" Buchanan.



June 15, 2022 at 03:40 PM



“ *Delightful Dieffenbachia was purchased for the family of William L. "Bill" Buchanan.*



June 15, 2022 at 09:47 AM



“ *We will miss Bill had a lot of good conversations with him during the weekdays at the campground. I regret we never got to go out fishing together we always talked about it. Your family is in our thoughts Bill. Mike from lot 33 at the camo ground.*

Michael McClennen - June 14, 2022 at 07:55 PM



“ *Small Garden Dish was purchased for the family of William L. "Bill" Buchanan.*



June 14, 2022 at 07:41 PM