

William Patrick Dickinson

October 17, 1950 – June 25, 2015

Funeral liturgy for William Patrick Dickinson, 64, was held Monday, June 29 at Saint Patrick's Catholic Church in Wheatland with Father Bill Hill as the Celebrant. A Vigil for the Deceased was held Sunday, June 28 at Saint Patrick's Catholic Church with Deacon Terry Archibold. Interment was in the Wheatland Cemetery with military honors accorded by Laramie Peak VFW Post #3358, Ora Call American Legion Post #10; and United States Navy Funeral Honors.



Bill Dickinson died Thursday, June 25 at the Cheyenne Regional Medical Center in Cheyenne.

Bill Dickinson was born on Oct. 17, 1950 in Torrington, Wyoming the son of John Fowler "Jack" and Katherine Ann (Tully) Dickinson. He grew up and went to school in Torrington. He was an Eagle Scout and was awarded Order of the Arrow. After graduating from high school, he enlisted in the United States Navy. During the Vietnam War, Bill served on the carrier USS Oriskany, and also received his private pilot's license. Soon after the Navy, Bill entered the Plumbers and Pipefitters Apprenticeship program. As a journeyman, he worked on projects such as the Wheatland Power Plant and Denver International Airport. He traveled extensively on these various projects. While working in Wheatland, he met Debra Ailene "Debbie" Owen. They were married at the Esterbrook Church on July 24, 1982. They enjoyed traveling, flying, camping, gold panning, and digging for gemstones together. On Dec. 3, 1999, Bill was in a car accident that left him as a quadriplegic. After 6 months at Craig Hospital, Bill returned home. He learned to draw and operate a computer with a mouth stick, enabling him to enjoy

many hours e-mailing, and giving us a treasured gift each Christmas of a card drawn with his mouth stick.

He enjoyed planting flowers, feeding birds, visiting with friends, eating a juicy steak, and telling a good joke. Bill touched so many lives, in so many different ways. But no matter what he was going through, he gave us an amazing gift of inspiration and perseverance.

His faith was unending and shared with all who knew Bill. As Bill would say and do, Live life to the Fullest!

Bill was survived by his wife, Debbie Dickinson, of Wheatland; sister, Isabelle (Donnie) French of Vivian, La.; nephew, Doug (Amanda) Haskins and family of Blanchard, Louisiana; mother and father-in-law, Glenda and Ralph Owen of Cheyenne; sisters-in-law, Trisha (Brian) Richmond of Wheatland, Shelly (Jeff) Dauma of Cheyenne, and Robin (Ken) Teasley of Cheyenne; many wonderful nephews, nieces, and cousins; and an extended family of friends.

Bill was preceded in death by his parents and an infant brother.

A memorial to the Craig Hospital Foundation, 3425 South Clarkson Street, Englewood, CO 80113 would be appreciated by the family.

Pallbearers were Ray Bremmer, Chuck Caruthers, Jim Hilzer, Don Pindell, Tom Reddicks, and Alan Wilde.

Honorary pallbearers were all his many dear friends.

The Gorman Funeral Homes – Platte Chapel of Wheatland are in charge of the arrangements.

Condolences may be sent to the family at www.gormanfh.com