

William C. "Bill" Johnke

Jan 17, 1957 - September 30, 2016

Funeral services for William C. "Bill" Johnke, 59, will be held at 11 a.m. Wednesday, Oct. 5, at the Wheatland Bible Church in Wheatland, Wyoming with Pastor Danny Fredericks officiating. Interment will be in the Wheatland Cemetery and the family invites you to follow them in procession to the cemetery by taking Bill to drag main one last time.

Bill Johnke passed away Friday, Sept. 30, at the Platte County Memorial Hospital in Wheatland after spending his final days with his loved ones.

Bill was born in Wheatland on Jan. 17, 1957, the son of Clifford Charles and Patty Jane (Scott) Johnke. Bill graduated from Wheatland High School in 1975, and proceeded to go to the University of Wyoming on a music scholarship. He later went on to Laramie County Community College and graduated with his degree in automobile mechanics.

He married Mary Jo Hamby on Feb. 6, 1982 in Wheatland and to this union, the birth of their daughter, Amanda Mae Johnke and their son, Robert Charles Johnke.

Bill's favorite things in life were playing his drums, being a mechanic, fishing and hunting with his children, and being the best husband, father, son, brother, uncle, and friend he could.

He is survived by his wife, Mary Jo Johnke of Douglas; daughter, Amanda Johnke (Bret) of Douglas; son, Robert Johnke (Charly) of Wheatland; mother, Patty Johnke of Wheatland; sister, Becky Pearce (Mike) of Laramie; granddaughters, Janey and Rebekah Douglas of Douglas; niece, Dr. Jessica Berger (Mike) of Milwaukee, Wis.; and great-nephews, Eli Meister-Kleutghen, Mason and Wesley Berger all of Milwaukee; and many cousins.

He was preceded in death by his father, Clifford Johnke and granddaughter, Embree Grace Johnke.

Family and friends may call at the funeral home Tuesday, Oct. 4, from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m.

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