

William K. Zwiieg

April 13, 1943 – March 18, 2012

William K. Zwiieg, 68, of Laramie, passed away Sunday March 18, 2012 at Ivinson Memorial Hospital.

He was born April 13, 1943 in Wheatland, WY to Lester and Virginia (Cook) Zwiieg. Bill was raised in the Wheatland area helping his dad with farming and ranching. He graduated from Wheatland High School in 1961. After graduation he worked for Leroy Goertz on Chug Creek east of Wheatland and his wheat farm northeast of Cheyenne. In January 1964 Bill went to St. Louis to mechanics school graduating in late August. Upon graduation he returned to Wyoming and went to work for Wortham Machinery, the local caterpillar dealer in Cheyenne. He worked for a year in the shop and went into field service which covered the entire state.

Wortham sold out to Wyoming Machinery and in August of 1971 he left the company as being away from home so much he felt the wife and kids forgot who he was.

During this time he met Judy Towns and they were married in February of 1966. From this union they had a son Glen born in 1967 and a daughter Brenda born in 1969. When Bill left Wyoming Machinery he went to work for Arch Mineral in Hanna, WY as a mechanic. After four years he was

promoted to shop foreman for the next five years. Bill then went to work for Peter Kiewit in Hanna. In December of 1983 they had mined out and the company began layoffs. In March of 1984 Bill joined Wyoming Technical Institute in Laramie as a diesel mechanics instructor and was still teaching at the time of his passing. Bill taught everything the school offered in the diesel field, wrote curriculum, built training aids and mock ups. Bill was very passionate about his teaching and his students.

Bill was preceded in death by his parents.

He is survived by his wife Judy, son Glen, daughter Brenda, Brother Jim, grandsons Drew and Forrest, granddaughters Shaunda and Ashley, great granddaughter Katherine, great grandson Triston, a special aunt Eve Cook and numerous aunts, uncles and cousins.

Cremation has taken place and a celebration of his life was held Saturday March 24 at the Wyo Tech Street Rod Shop, 1889 Ventura Drive.

In lieu of flowers memorial may be made to a scholarship fund that has been established in Bill's name at Wyo Tech.

To send condolences or to sign the on-line guest book, visit the website at www.montgomerystryker.com.