



William "Bill" Eugene McDow, Sr.

September 25, 1938 - May 13, 2024

William Eugene "Bill" McDow, Sr., age 85 of Longton, KS, passed away unexpectedly on Monday, May 13, 2024 at Moline North Lake, Moline, KS.

Bill was born September 25, 1938 in Eureka, KS to Harlan and Ollie (Pearson) McDow. He was raised on the family farm near Tonovay alongside his 9 older siblings, graduating from High School in 1958. After High School, Bill joined the United States Army and served his country in between the Korean War and Vietnam War.

Bill met the love of his life, Dianne Dixon at one of the bars he owned in Wichita, KS, and on February 22, 1980, they were united in marriage. They spent the next 39 plus years together until her passing in 2019, raising their children and watching their grandchildren grow.

Bill was also a contractor and could do all kinds of concrete flat work. When he wasn't busy at a construction site, he enjoyed hunting, fishing, camping, and family get togethers. He liked working on cars, boats, and lawn mowers that he would buy, fix up and then sell. He was also known to enjoy a good Royals ball game and a cold beer on a cold day when he couldn't be outside tinkering with a project.

His favorite hobby was being a grandpa. His family was very important to him,

and he was important to his family. He will be missed by those that called him dad, grandpa, or friend.

Bill is survived by his children:

William McDow, Jr. and his wife Jennifer of Moline, KS

Valerie McDow and fiancé Heath Beckwith of Elk City, KS

Bridget McDow of Wichita, KS

Step-children:

Shannon Robertson and husband Tim Brown of Colorado Springs, CO

Larry Robertson of Wichita, KS

Grandchildren:

Kayla McDow of Bartlesville, OK

Matthew McDow of Independence, KS

Nolan McDow of Moline, KS

Bradley Clarenson of Elk City, KS

He was preceded in death by his parents and siblings: Howard Victor McDow, Harlan Lloyd McDow, Margie Rebecca (McDow) Brinkman, Elizabeth Annetta (McDow) Winn, Ollie Leota (McDow) Pearson, Betty Irene (McDow) Loffland, Mary Jane (McDow) Maloney/Sowers, Gerald Leroy McDow, and Thomas Warren McDow

A Celebration of Life will be held at 2:00 PM on Saturday, May 18, 2024 at the Christian Community Church in Longton, KS.

Memorial contributions are suggested to the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers specifically for Whitehall Bay at Fall River Lake and can be mailed to or left with the funeral home.

Services entrusted to Countryside Funeral Home, 206 E. Washington, PO Box
1233, Howard, KS 67349

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

MAY 18. 2:00 PM (CT)

Christian Community Church of Longton
100 N. Kansas
Longton, KS 67352

Tribute Wall

MP

“ Uncle Bill was my favorite uncle as a young child. I lived in SD with my family and every summer we went to KS for family reunion. My mom was Margie Rebecca. So many fond memories. I remember having a huge crush on my uncle Bill. I would sit on the hood of a car and pop the pimples on his back sounds pretty gross, right. My thoughts and prayers go out to all of his family, especially his children and grandchildren. Rest in peace, uncle Bill

Margie Peters - May 18, 2024 at 09:20 AM

ML

“ Sorry for late Notice, Christian Community Church in Longton, KS. Lunch will be served at 12:30 and followed by service at 2:00

Maria Lopez - May 17, 2024 at 09:10 PM

DF

“ I remember your homecoming party from the Army you were happy to be home and the family was also. When you got married I babysit many times for the stepchildren. I married and moved out of state but came back for family reunions thru the years and enjoyed talking to you, Diane and the grandchildren. Rest in Peace Uncle Bill you will be missed. Donna Eargle your niece in Florida

Donna Eargle (niece in Florida) - May 16, 2024 at 08:33 AM

JL

“ *Bill was a good man and Loved his grandkids very much he was always good to ask how my daughter who was friends with his granddaughter Kayla was always seemed like he was Happy our prayers are with you all.*

Jason Lupton - May 15, 2024 at 10:20 PM