

"On the Death of the Beloved"

"Though we need to weep your loss,
You dwell in that safe place in our hearts,
Where no storm or night or pain can reach you.

We look towards each other no longer
From the old distance of our names;
Now you dwell inside the rhythm of breath,
As close to us as we are to ourselves.

When orchids brighten the earth,
Darkest winter has turned to spring;
May this dark grief flower with hope
In every heart that loves you.

May you continue to inspire us:
To enter each day with a generous heart.
To serve the call of courage and love
Until we see your beautiful face again
In that land where there is no more separation,
Where all tears will be wiped from our mind,
And where we will never lose you again."

by John O'Donohue

**In Loving Memory
William Eugene Kitzman**

Born to Walter & Doris Kitzman
January 16, 1944
Bottineau, North Dakota

Called Home to His Heavenly Father
November 30, 2021
Williston, North Dakota

Funeral Service
Monday, December 6, 2021 at 2:00 PM
Fulkerson Stevenson Funeral Home Chapel
Williston, North Dakota

Officiating
Reverend Steve Anderson

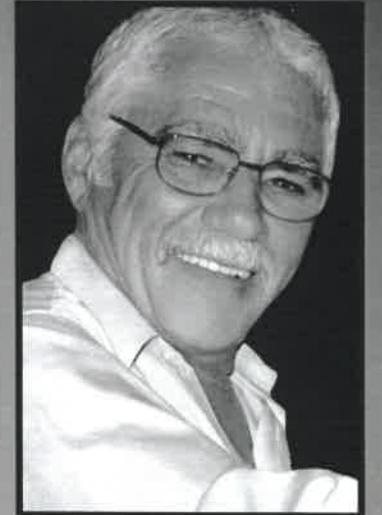
Music
Creedence Clearwater Revival

Pallbearers
Bill's Sons
Tim Thome Stacy Kitzman John Kitzman
Nathan Thome Sam Thome

Honorary Pallbearers
All of Bill's Family & Friends

Military Rites
North Dakota Veterans Honor Guard
Williston Veterans Honor Guard

Arrangements By
Fulkerson Stevenson Funeral Home
Williston, North Dakota



In Loving Memory Of
William E. Kitzman

"Bill"

January 16, 1944 - November 30, 2021

William "Bill" Kitzman was born January 16th 1944, in Bottineau ND, entrusted to Walter and Doris (Harding) Kitzman. Growing up on the farm, he quickly learned the value of a hard day's work, milking cows and harvesting, as well as gaining engineering experience helping "Pa" repair machinery. Fishing trips with Uncle "Schatzy" were favorite childhood memories.

In 1964, Bill and his friend George enlisted in the US Army together. He was deployed to Korea and served as a tank mechanic. He left the Army in 1967. That same year, Bill and his former wife Jan Hegland (Clay) welcomed their first son, Stacy. In 1970, another son, John, joined the family.

Motivated to provide for his family, Bill worked in the oil field, spending freezing winters on top of the derrick. Throughout the years, he tackled almost every role on the rig. Later he worked for Herman Oil, delivering resources to rigs, and enjoyed running into old coworkers. He retired for a few days, then drove hotshot for Petroleum Services. Bill's career brought a number of great people into his life, and he spoke often of the friendships he made.

On July 10th 1986, Bill married Jean (Smith), uniting not only two individuals, but also two families--Stacy and John gained four siblings that day: Tim, Kimberly, Nathan, and Sam. In August 1987, the caboose of the family appeared, a daughter named Billie Jean.

In his free time, Bill made things beautiful--whether his yard or the house, he always had a project. Trips to the family farm were his favorite vacation, playing "CCR" on tape the whole drive there. A devoted and tender-hearted man, he cared for his loved ones with the highest regard, including his pets. He was a safe place, a comforting voice, a fierce protector, and knew just when to crack his wit and stop folks in their tracks with a good laugh.

2015 was a devastating year for Bill. Shortly after his retirement, he was diagnosed with cancer, and underwent major surgery. On July 11th, Bill lost his "Jeannie" to a fatal stroke. The strength of Bill's character shone as he managed through these last years with a broken heart, and despite experiencing such losses, he loved well and still wanted to make people smile.

Bill has been welcomed home by his wife, Jean; his parents, Walter and Doris; brothers, Kenny and Dickey; many other precious family members; as well as beloved pet Shadow.

Bill is survived by his children: Tim and Naoko Thome; Stacy and Susanne Kitzman; Kimberly Carole; John and Heather Kitzman; Nathan and Wanda Thome; Sam and Kelly Thome; and Billie Jean Kitzman; 18 grandchildren; 5 great-grandchildren; and his siblings: Marie Harmel, Neil Kitzman, Tony Kitzman, Dianne Perkins, Donna Wittmeier, Debbie Weir, and Vance Kitzman; as well as many nieces, nephews, and cousins.

