



William "Bill" Dunbar

Bill was born in Faith, on April 13, 1928, to Lloyd and Daina (Higgins) Dunbar. After a couple of years of high school, Bill joined the Air Force in 1945. After serving his term he had numerous jobs, and in 1950 he found the love of his life, Doris Miller. Bill and Doris were married on April 13, 1950, in Rapid City in a church basement, with the preacher and his wife, a best man, and maid-of-honor. They went on a day trip to the Black Hills and then it was back to work. To this union five children were born, James "Jim" Dunbar, Sturgis,

Vicky (Bernie) Fields, Sturgis, Debrah (Les) Starr, Sturgis, Bill Wayne (Jill) Dunbar, Mobridge, and Lora (John) Breth, Sturgis.

In 1954, Bill returned to the military, but this time with the Army. In his military career, he traveled extensively from Pole to Pole, all over Europe, Africa, Australia, New Zealand, Borneo, Wake Island, Fiji Island, American Samoa, Tahiti, Japan, Korea, Tasmania, and the Philippines. He spent four years in Taiwan, and three of those years his family was with him. He had two tours in Vietnam, four months in Greenland, and four years in Alaska with his family. It is hard to imagine how much of the world Bill saw, he was a world traveler.

William "Bill" Dunbar, 86, Sturgis, and formerly of Dupree, passed away peacefully on Friday, November 14, 2014, at the Fort Meade VA Medical Center following a long struggle with heart disease.

Bill is survived by his children; two sisters, Jean Shupick, Sioux Falls, and Muriel Reid, Spearfish; four special sister-in-laws, Joan (Harold) Ross, Sturgis, Eileen Lewis, Belle Fourche, Joyce Collins, Spearfish, and Judy (JT) Stout, Dupree; thirteen grandchildren, and eighteen great-grandchildren.

He is preceded in death by his parents; his wife, Doris; grandson, Marcus Kindsfater, brother-in-laws, Steve Shupick, Chad Reid, Jerry Lewis, Bill Collins, Mick Jung; and sister-in-law, Jane Jung.

A special thank you to Jim for his exceptional care of dad and to the family and friends for their love and support. Also, a big thanks to the home health team, all the nurses, doctors, and health care providers, at the Fort Meade VA Medical Center for the exceptional care Bill received.

A memorial has been established to the Fort Meade VA Hospice.

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

*The family invites you for fellowship and lunch
at the Vet's Club following the committal service.
The family thanks you for your presence and condolences.*




In Loving Memory Of

William "Bill" Dunbar

1928 ~ 2014



The Final Inspection



The Soldier stood and faced God
Which must always come to pass.
He hoped his shoes were shining,
Just as brightly as his brass.
"Step forward now, you Soldier,
How shall I deal with you?
Have you always turned the other cheek?
To my church have you been true?"
The Soldier squared his shoulders and said,
"No, Lord, I guess I ain't.
Because those of us who carry guns,
Can't always be a saint,
I've had work most Sundays
And at times my talk was tough.
And sometimes I've been violent.
Because the world is awfully rough.
But, I never took a penny
That wasn't mine to keep
Though I worked a lot of overtime.
When the bills got just to steep.
And I never passed a cry for help,
Though at times I shook with fear.
And sometimes, God, forgive me.
I've wept unmanly tears.
I know I don't deserve a place,
Among the people here.
They never wanted me around,
Except to calm their fears.
If you've a place for me here, Lord,
It needn't be so grand.
I never expected or had too much,
But if you don't, I'll understand.
There was a silence all around the throne.
Where the saints had often trod.
As a Soldier waited quietly
For the judgment of his God
"Step forward now, you Soldier,
You've borne your burdens well.
Walk peacefully on Heavens Street
You've done your time in Hell."

In Loving Memory Of

William "Bill" Lloyd Dunbar

Born

April 13, 1928
Faith, South Dakota

Died

November 14, 2014
Fort Meade, South Dakota

Funeral Service

Wednesday, November 19, 2014 at 10:00 a.m.
Kinkade Funeral Chapel
Sturgis, South Dakota

Clergy

Chaplain Herb Cleveland

Special Musical Selections

"I Want To Stroll Across Heaven"
"The Old Rugged Cross"
"You Are My Sunshine"

Pallbearers

David Fields ~ Cory Kindsfater
Dustin Dunbar ~ Brady Dunbar

Honorary Pallbearers

Aric Balster ~ Robert Moore ~ Judd Schomp
Cole Severson ~ Justin Foster ~ Jack Rathert
Patrick Thorstenson ~ Todd Pfitzer

Interment

Black Hills National Cemetery
Sturgis, South Dakota