

William Robert Cissell

William “Bill” Robert Cissell, 75, of Sturgis, South Dakota, died May 13, 2023, in the Fort Meade VA from unexpected circumstances.

Bill was born on March 13, 1948 in Faulkton, SD, to Leon and Frances Cissell, one of five children. He graduated from Sturgis Brown High School, in 1966 and went on to attend UC Berkeley for Journalism and Photography. He continued on to attend Black Hills State University, in Spearfish, South Dakota, where he graduated in 1980 with a Bachelor of Science.

He married LaVerne Wilson in 1965, the couple later divorced. In 1982 Bill married Sandra Exe and this marriage also ended in divorce.

Bill’s first job was with Metz Bakery, in Rapid City, SD. In 1971 he enlisted in the US Army and served until 1975. During his service he did a tour in Vietnam and in Bamberg, Germany, reaching the rank of Specialist 4th Class. A major change in his career came when he became an editor for the Black Hills Press and Meade County Times in Sturgis. For a time, he was a journalist for the Rapid City Journal and, in his later years, he started and published The Sturgis Chronicle.

He loved music, preferably 60s to 80s, his photography, and most of all, his family and friends.

William Robert Cissell is survived by his children; son, Duane Wilson, daughter, Valerie Parker, son, Mark Robichaud, son, Paul Robichaud; grandson, Kyler Robichaud; sister, Glenda Crooks; brother, Mike Cissell; and sister, Patti Grant.

He was preceded in death by his parents and brother, James Cissell.

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

*The family invites you to join them for fellowship and lunch
at the Sturgis VFW, following the burial.
Thank you for your presence and condolences.*

In Loving Memory Of



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March 13, 1948 ~ May 13, 2023



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Died

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Fort Meade, South Dakota

Funeral Service

Monday, March 22, 2023, 10:00 a.m.
Kinkade Funeral Chapel
Sturgis, South Dakota

Officiant

Chaplin Justin Warfel

Musical Selections

“You’ll Never Walk Alone”
“Knockin’ on Heaven’s Door”
“Son of a Son of a Sailor”

Final Resting Place

Black Hills National Cemetery
Sturgis, South Dakota

*If I only had five minutes, the day you passed away,
I would have had time to tell you,
all the things I needed to say.*

*I never got to tell you, how much you mean to me,
Or that you were the best dad, that anyone could be*

*The last time I talked to you, I wish I would have known.
I would have said I love you and kept you on the phone.*

*If I only had five minutes
the day you passed away,*

*I’d hold on to you with real tight hugs,
I wouldn’t want you to go.*

I would tell you that I’ll miss you, more than you’ll ever know.

*Now God has called upon you, it’s time to get your wings,
to leave this life behind you,
And enjoy all of heaven’s beautiful things.*

*So wait for me in heaven, don’t let me come alone.
The day the angels come for me,
Please be there to bring me home.*