
Dad, I know you. You didn't wear your feelings around on the outside for everyone to see. You didn't feel you had to chatter a lot to be heard. You sometimes liked to keep things to yourself. But you never fooled me, even once.

Even though we hardly ever talked about feelings in so many words, I always knew how much you cared. I knew it in a million ways, by a million and one little things you did to let it show.

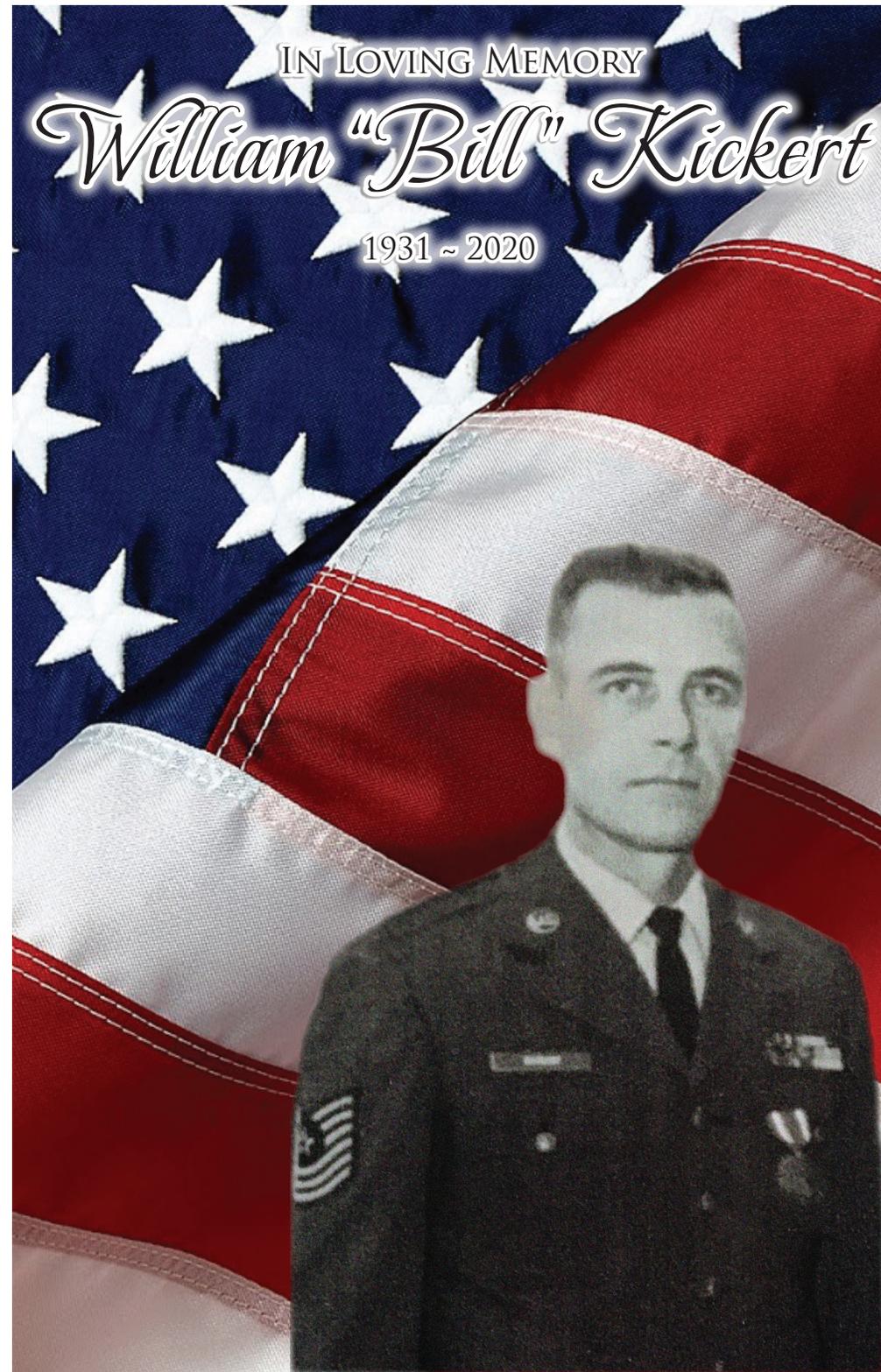
And somehow I've always know that beneath that tough exterior was the most special, loving, and caring father in the world.

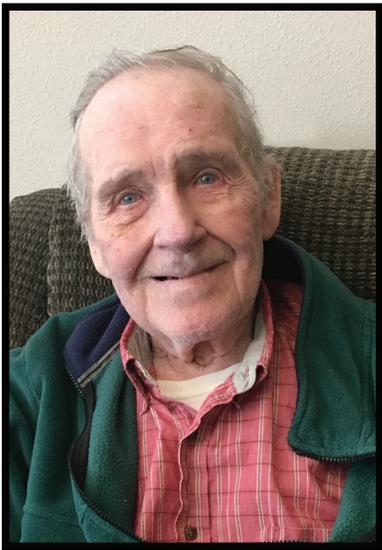
So thanks for being just the way you were...

You'll never know how much it meant to have a father just like you. And even though we didn't often talk about feelings in so many words, I love you, too... I always will.

God,

*Grant me the serenity
to accept the things I cannot change,
the courage to change the things I can,
and the wisdom to know the difference.*





William D. "Bill" Kickert, age 88, of Mandan, formerly of Minot, passed away unexpectedly in his home on February 3, 2020.

Bill was born August 31, 1931, the son of William and Vivian (Loub) Kickert in Chicago, Illinois. Bill graduated from Harrison Technical High School in 1949. After graduating from high school, he went to Hertzl Junior College for one year. Bill enlisted in the United States Air Force in 1951, receiving his basic training at Lackland AFB in San Antonio, TX. After completing basic training, he was assigned to Hamilton AFB in California. In May of 1953, Bill traveled by ship to Kimpoo AFB in Korea, where he was assigned to the 67th Recon Tech Sqdn. In May 1954, he began his next 21 years of military service

stationed in Minot at the 786th Radar Sqdn, where he achieved the rank of Master Sargent. On January 31, 1975, Bill retired from the USAF culminating his service to our country.

After retirement, Bill finished building the family home and then enjoyed more hobbies and activities than there is room to list. A few that stand out as his favorites are camping, hunting, fishing, woodworking, model airplane building, yard work, and Quartermaster of the VFW. If you knew Bill, you know that whatever his interests were at the time...he was all in. Bill was a Lifetime member of the VFW and the Military Order of the Cootie.

On January 8, 1955, Bill married Sylvia Loughead at St Leo's Church in Minot, ND. In their 62 years of marriage they lived in Biloxi, MS; Chicago, IL; Minot, and Bismarck.

William is survived by his four children, Lisa (Arlan) Krebsbach, Minot, ND; Bill (Aileen) Kickert, Bismarck, ND; Cindy (Randy) Severson, Rochester, MN; and Steve (Teresa) Kickert, Dublin, Ireland; nine grandchildren, Aaron (Liz) Krebsbach, Michelle (Bob) Senger, Cassie Kickert, Krista Frederick, Katie (Brent) Berning, Liz (Nate) Vreeman, Jenny (Jake) Schnelle, Rebecca Kickert, and Sarah Kickert; nine great-grandchildren, James Krebsbach, Anna Krebsbach, Jorja Kickert, Pypor Frederick, Myles Frederick, Brecken Berning, Elise Vreeman, Carson Vreeman, and William Kickert; and one sister, Jean Nichols, Plainfield, Illinois.

William was preceded in death by his wife, Sylvia; parents, William & Vivian; and brother, Ray.

Should friends desire, memorials may be made to the Wounded Warrior Project. Please share memories of Bill at www.BuehlerLarson.com.

Funeral Service

Saturday, February 8, 2020; 11:00 AM
Buehler-Larson Funeral Home
Mandan, North Dakota

Officiant

Deacon Dennis Rohr

Lectors

Cassie Kickert, Krista Kickert, & Rebecca Kickert

Honorary Casketbearers

Bill's Grandchildren & Great Grandchildren

Celebrating the Life of William "Bill" Kickert

Prelude

"Borning Cry"

Opening Prayers

Song

"Daddy's Hands"

Readings

Psalm 121

John 11:25-26

Reflection Song

"On Eagle's Wings"

Time of Sharing

Poem read by Cindy Severson

Closing Prayers

Postlude

"God Bless The USA"

The family invites you for lunch and fellowship at the Mandan Moose Lodge, 111 11th Ave NE, following the funeral service.

Private family burial will be held at the North Dakota Veterans Cemetery.

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