

In Loving Memory of
William Robert Kirk
March 23, 1953 ~ March 5, 2024

Funeral Service

Monday, March 11, 2024 ▪ 11:00 AM
Trinity Lutheran Church ▪ 502 N 4th St
Bismarck, North Dakota

Interment

Monday, March 11, 2024 ▪ 2:00 PM
North Dakota Veterans Cemetery
Mandan, North Dakota

Gathering Music

Thanksgiving For Baptism

Processional *“On Eagle’s Wings”* #787

Welcoming of the Congregation

Prayer of the Day

Remembrances

Hymn *“Shall We Gather at the River”* #423

Scripture Reading Isaiah 43: 1-5a

Revelations 21:1-4

Psalm 46:1-7

John 14:1-6

Sermon

Hymn *“Borning Cry”* #732

Apostle’s Creed

Prayers

Lord’s Prayer

Commendation

Recessional Hymn *“Soon and Very Soon”* #439

Officiant Pastor Mark Narum

Musician Amanda Samuelson

Casket Bearers Ryan Kirk, David Kirk, Ian Laber, Greg Johnson,
Dwight Johnson, Randy Johnson and Danny Johnson

Honorary Casket Bearers Kyle Kirk and Gary Webb

Following the service, the family invites you to join them for lunch and fellowship in the Fellowship Hall at Trinity Lutheran Church.



Tribute Video

William “Bill” Kirk, 70, Bismarck, passed away on March 5, 2024 at Missouri Slope Nursing Home.

Bill was born in Salt Lake City, Utah on March 23, 1953 to William L. and Elva (Harward) Kirk. He was proud to have served in the United States Air Force. He was a cadet in the Air Force ROTC program as he finished his engineering degree at the University of Utah. He then received his commission as a 2nd Lieutenant and was assigned to Minot Air Force Base in August of 1975. A couple of highlights from his service included riding in a T38 supersonic jet and piloting a helicopter, as well as selection to Squadron Officer School in Montgomery, Alabama. Bill finished his Air Force service as a Captain.

He briefly worked for the ND Water Commission before beginning a 36-year career as a civil engineer for North American Coal Corporation based at Coteau Properties north of Beulah. He enjoyed his work as a hydrologist, designing and overseeing construction of ponds and other duties. Over the course of his professional life, he became licensed as a PE in three states, received numerous awards, and was a lifetime member of American Society of Civil Engineers ASCE and the North Dakota Society of Professional Engineers.

Bill served on the Knife River Care Center Board of Directors, Mercer County Water Board, and the Church Council, including eight years as Council President of Zion Lutheran Church in Beulah.

Intrigued by history, he enjoyed planning family vacations that included trips to national parks, forts, and museums. He possessed a lifelong love of the outdoors, and delighted in sharing his enjoyment of fly fishing, hunting, camping, bike riding, and hiking with his family. He was skilled at identifying rocks, birds, and plants, and was always eager to share his knowledge with others. He enjoyed collecting HO trains and designing track layouts, building model airplanes, and reading.

Bill is survived by his wife of 46 years, Valerie (Johnson) Kirk; his children, Ryan (Katie) and Mackenzie Kirk, Kelly Kirk (Ian Laber), and Kyle Kirk; his mother Elva Kirk; sister, Loretta Kirk, brother David (Cuc) Kirk; brothers-in-law, Greg (Sue) Johnson, Danny (Madonna) Johnson, Dwight (Patty) Johnson, Randy Johnson (Marilyn); along with numerous nephews, nieces, and cousins.

He was preceded in death by his father, William L. Kirk; uncles and aunts, Clive (Noreen) Kirk, Vance (Beverly) Kirk, Donna Kirk and parents-in-law Joseph & Ellen Johnson.

In lieu of flowers the family requests memorials to the ND Veterans Cemetery Foundation, CHI Hospice or charity of choice.

• IN LOVING MEMORY •

THERE IS NO NIGHT
WITHOUT A DAWNING

*No winter without a spring
And beyond the dark horizon
Our hearts will once more sing
For those who leave us for a while
Have only gone away
Out of a restless, care worn world
Into a brighter day*

-HELEN STEINER RICE



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