



## William "Bill" R. Douglass

May 3, 1935 - August 24, 2017

William "Bill" R. Douglass, age 82, of Afton, OK passed away at his home on Thursday, August 24, 2017 surrounded by his family.

Bill was born on May 3, 1935 to Delbert & Lucille (Reynolds) in Denison, KS, where he grew up and graduated high school. On November 7, 1955 he married the love of his life, Eleanora Bieker, and the couple made their home in Lincoln, KS. Bill was an entrepreneur and always welcoming hard work, together the couple owned and operated several different businesses, including grocery stores. This same work ethic was instilled in his 4 children.

Even while owning and operating their own businesses, Bill was a public servant, serving on the Lincoln School Board for 12 years, just long enough to sign the diplomas of all 4 of his children. He was also a volunteer fire fighter and later on the Fire Chief.

Bill was known for his storytelling. He had a story for everything and one could never know for sure if it was the truth or if he was pulling your leg. Making people laugh was something Bill enjoyed immensely and loved to joke around. His wife noted, that having a serious conversation with Bill was almost impossible. He brought much laughter to many people and will be missed dearly.

Bill was preceded in death by his parents, a brother and a sister.

Left to carry on his legacy: wife, Eleanora Douglass, of the home; children: Diana Douglass and companion, Shawn Casey of Independence, MO; Tina Heinze and husband, Bob of Lincoln, KS; Terry Douglass and wife, Melinda of Siloam Springs, AR; Curtis Douglass and wife, Jeanne of Newton, KS, 11 grandchildren and 12 great grandchildren.

Private family services are planned at a later date in Denison, KS. The family requests that donations be made to Good Shepherd Hospice in Bill's memory.

Arrangements entrusted to Nichols Funeral & Cremation Services, Grove, OK.

# Comments

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“ The Kansas Fire Fighter Association Auxiliary send their sincere sympathy to Bill's family and have added him to the 2018 KSFFA Memorial Service that will be in April. The power point will be available to families to view after the conference in April on the web site for the KSFFA. Thank you for sending the information to Mr. Hirsch who forwarded it to me.

Thank you and our prayers are with you,

Donna Pittaway

KSFFA Auxiliary Chaplain Trustee

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