



William J. Roberts

July 24, 1942 - February 25, 2019

Mr. William Julian Roberts passed away Monday, February 25, 2019 in St. Patrick's Hospital in Missoula. He was born in Butte, Friday, July 24, 1942 to William T. and Elizabeth (Goyette) Roberts. He attended the Whittier School and graduated from Butte High School. Bill served his country in the United States Air Force as well as the Montana National Guard from which he retired.

Bill worked as a heavy-duty diesel mechanic for the Anaconda Company until its closure. He later worked for Mining City Merchant Police working at several locations including the mall and as the "El Taco Cop" for many years. He also worked as a guard at the Montana State Prison in Deer Lodge until his retirement in 2004.

He was a longtime member of the American Legion, enjoyed bowling and served as the secretary for the men's league at the Winter Garden. He was a lifelong member of the Mountain View Methodist Church, where he met and married his wife Delores "De" Maunder on September 12, 1965.

Bill was a 20 year survivor of Parkinson's Disease.

He is survived by his wife of 53 years, De Roberts of Butte, daughter and son-in-law, Julie and Ken Wedlake of Butte, son, Scott Roberts and Angela Brown of Billings, grandchildren: Amber McKinnon of Missoula, Ashleigh McKinnon

and Weston Super of Kalispell, Abbeygayle McKinnon of Butte, Kaylee Roberts and Kiara Roberts both of Butte, great-grandson, Tripp McKinnon also of Butte. Also surviving are his sisters and brother-in-law, Helen and Russ Whindom, Susan Caldwell, brother and sister-in-law, Dan and Kim Roberts, brother-in-law, Ed Ballensky, sister-in-law and brother-in-law, Debi and Bruce Williams as well as numerous nieces and nephews. Other survivors include two lifelong friends, Arch Richardson and Charles Murrish as well as his two furballs, Kelly Sue and Grizzleigh. Besides his parents, Bill is preceded in death by his sister, Darlene Ballensky and son-in-law, Mark McKinnon and in-laws Fred and Audrey Maunder.

Memorials can be made to Freedom Service Dogs of America, Chelesa Bailey Animal Shelter, or the Parkinson's Foundation.

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 7. 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM (MT)

Wayrynen-Richards Funeral Home
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Service

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Tribute Wall

JL

“ I will forever remember Bill Roberts -- the guy who stole my best friend's heart so many years ago. He swept her off her feet, and they made a great pair. Bill will be sorely missed by all who knew and loved this dear man.

Joyce Lester - March 07, 2019 at 02:18 PM

PP

“ Dee, Julie, Scott and Families,
We are so sorry for your loss! Our love and prayers are with you all!
He was a great man ! If you need anything please let us know!
Love the Pennells

pam pennell - March 02, 2019 at 12:49 PM

CP

“ De,

I was so sorry to learn of Bill's hardships and death. Chuck and Kathy Murrish let me know. Nick and I always enjoyed touching bases with you when we came to Butte, especially when we were on our "cemetery tours" Memorial Day weekend. You two were always a lot of fun when we visited and went out to eat. I love the pictures that are posted.

I understand how difficult caring for a spouse can be since Nick's last three years were so hard for him. You will not ever regret a single minute of the time you spent together during those days.

Please know i'm holding you and your family in my thoughts, heart, and prayers. Do take care of yourself. Treasure the memories.

Love to you!

Caroline Pickolick

Caroline Pickolick - March 02, 2019 at 11:15 AM

LA

“ *Dee, Scott and Family... I loved Bill's smile and was always so happy to see him coming in for the pharmacy deliveries. I am so sorry for your loss. I hope the best memories of him will bring you all peace during this time.*

Love and Hugs.. Laura Cater (CVS)

Laura - March 02, 2019 at 07:03 AM

CG

Dee, I was so sorry to hear about your loss! My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. Cathy Galetti

Cathy Galetti - March 04, 2019 at 07:48 PM

LD

“ So sorry about Bill. He was really great guy. I didn't know that he had been sick for so long. Hope you are OK and will be able to keep your chin up. Love ya. LaVerne Daicich

LaVerne Daicich - March 01, 2019 at 07:41 PM



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Wayrynen-Richards Funeral Home - March 01, 2019 at 04:59 PM