



## William "Bill" John Schissler

January 4, 1944 - January 25, 2016

### WILLIAM "BILL" SCHISLER, JR

William "Bill" John Schissler, Jr., 83, died Monday, January 25, 2016 at the Torrington Community Hospital in Torrington, Wyoming.

Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. Thursday, January 28, at the Colyer Funeral Home Chapel in Torrington with Pastor Marty Rostad officiating. Burial will following in the Fort Laramie Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to the Torrington Community Hospital.

Arrangements are under the direction of the Colyer Funeral Home and friends may send their condolences to the family at [www.colyerfuneralhome.com](http://www.colyerfuneralhome.com).

Bill was born January 4, 1933, on the family homestead just north of Fort Laramie, Wyoming the son of William John, Sr. and Elizabeth (Moorehouse) Schissler. He graduated high school from Fort Laramie High School in 1951. After high school, Bill was drafted into the US Marine Corp. He was a flight radio operator for Unit 152 in the Korean War. He was then honorably discharged in 1953. Upon his return to the Fort Laramie area Bill bought a farm north of town. Bill met the love of his life, Marilyn Dillinger, at a "Rat Race Dance" and the couple was married May 23, 1957. They farmed until the late 90's when they moved to town.

Bill had a good and happy life. He and his bride were known for selling their farm fresh eggs from Wheatland to Torrington and all the way up to Douglas at all the local markets. He also enjoyed fishing and hunting. Gardening was always a passion of his and Marilyn's. He was a member of the National

Rifleman's Association and had a certified range at the farm where they hosted black powder shoots monthly. After retirement, he enjoyed going to coffee and socializing. He was also a member of the Fort Laramie Church. Survivors include his daughter Sally (Dale) Miller of Fort Collins, CO; grandson Jeffrey (Danae) Harris of Torrington, WY; granddaughter Sara Harris of Fort Collins, CO; great grandchildren Autumn and Elise Harris of Torrington, WY; great grandchildren Dominic and Drake Harris of Fort Collins, CO; and brother Tommy Schissler of Fort Laramie, WY. Preceding him in death were his parents; his wife Marilyn; son Steven; and two brothers.

# Cemetery Details

## **Ft. Laramie Cemetery**

Ft. Laramie, WY 82212

# Tribute Wall



“ *Sally Miller sent a virtual gift in memory of William "Bill" John Schissler*



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**Sally Miller** - May 31, 2016 at 03:22 PM

“ Our Beloved Bill,

*Over the fence and in the garden we chatted. We talked about the weather, the town, and most other things, just like we did with Marilyn. When you passed, my husband let go a tear, something he rarely does. It slid down his cheek and plopped on his collar, and then was followed by another, and another, all here in the privacy of our den. He felt your loss most deeply, you see, because he has a soft spot for older gentlemen. When he was a boy, he never made it directly home from school. His mom would have to wait for him while he made his rounds. He would go to the grainary in Lingle and visit his grandpa. Then he made his way through the blocks of houses, making his stops here and there. He had certain people he visited each day, people whose stories of the war he would listen to, or others whose troubles he would internalize and try to solve. He could never relate to kids his own age, and not even that well to his siblings or parents. But elderly ladies and gentlemen were his specialty. He respected their wisdom and memories. He learned from them. He loved them.*

*So you see, when you passed, his heart broke. He couldn't go to see you at the hospital because he didn't want to remember you that way. He wanted to remember the Bill that he knew. The Bill in the overalls and golf hat, working row after row in our garden, and bringing us tomatoes at the end of the season. That's the Bill he wanted to remember.*

*On my facebook page there is a song Steve picked for you. The first few lines don't apply, but the rest do. He loved you fiercely, and he can't listen to it without the tears rolling down his cheeks. You see, Steve held you in his big, generous, caring heart. He held Roxy there too, and still does. We look over at your place and grieve. Even your house misses you. We all do.*

*So, go to my page and listen to your song. It's dedicated to you and Marilyn and Sally. Carry it with you until you're home.*

*Because...you're almost there.*

*We Will Always Love You,  
Steve and Natalie Fullmer*

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**Natalie Fullmer** - February 08, 2016 at 02:32 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of William "Bill" John Schissler.*



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January 26, 2016 at 01:44 PM



“ *Dawn (Hopkins) Wheeler purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of William "Bill" John Schissler.*



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**Dawn (Hopkins) Wheeler** - January 26, 2016 at 10:55 AM



“ *Bill was a very kind and caring man.*

*I wish his son Steve kids were mentioned in the obituary. Steve Schisler had 3 kids. Teresa Hall of Rock Springs, Wyoming, Crystal Shissler Schoen of Plaquemine, Louisiana, and David William Shissler of Cheyenne Wyoming. Bill also had three additional great-grandchildren Lillian Hall, Brianna Schoen, and Nathaniel Schoen.*

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**Terry Schoen** - January 26, 2016 at 06:35 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of William "Bill" John Schissler.*



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January 25, 2016 at 09:52 PM



“ *Bill will be missed by a lot people and family members. He has a very caring man. He was a great Father-in-law and Grandfather to Crystal Schoen, Teresa Hall, and David William Schissler. We are happy that he is now with Marilyn and Steve.*

*Beth*

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**Beth Schissler** - January 25, 2016 at 09:07 PM