



William Kautz

November 30, 1939 - June 26, 2012

William Harold Kautz, 72, died Tuesday, June 26, 2012 at Regional West Hospital in Scottsbluff. Funeral services will be held at 10 a.m. Saturday, June 30, at the First Congregational Church with Pastor Matt Gordon officiating. Burial will follow in the Valley View Cemetery in Torrington. Memorials may be made to The Friendly Society at the church. Visitation will be Friday from 3 to 7 p.m. at the funeral home and prior to the service at the church. Arrangements are under the direction of the Colyer Funeral Home and friends may send condolences to the family at www.colyerfuneralhome.com. William was born Nov. 30, 1939, in Mitchell, the son of Victor and Wilma (Harriger) Kautz. He grew up in Mitchell and after graduation went into the Marines. After serving for four years, he returned to Nebraska. He then met Judith Michael and the couple was married Dec. 9, 1962. They moved to Midwest, Wyoming where William worked in the oil fields for four years. He then took a position at the new sugar factory in Goodland, Kan. where he worked for 20 years. After that he transferred to the sugar factory in Torrington, where he worked for another 20 years and then retired in 2003. William loved to travel, hunt and fish. He was an avid woodworker. He loved to barbeque and cook for the sugar factory pig roasts. He also enjoyed gardening and bowling. He collected hats, belts and buckles. Most of all, he enjoyed spending time with his family. He was a Deacon, as well as a member, at the First Congregational Church and also a member of the Elks and the Moose. Survivors include his wife Judith Kautz of Torrington; daughters, Renee Schott of Derby, Kan. and Rhonda Kautz of

Chadron; sisters, Patricia Shiery of Lakewood, Colo., Kay Henderson of Coffeerville, Kan. and Victoria Rietz of Peshtigo, Wis.; and four grandchildren. Preceding William in death were his parents and brothers, Marlin and Stephen.

Tribute Wall

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“ I remember spending Christmas at our home in Casper with cousin Billy, Judy and Renee. It's been many many years since we've been in touch but I remember those days fondly.

Richard Kautz - June 26, 2012 at 12:00 AM

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“ May the Lord bless you and family at this time of lost. May His peace be with you.

Bob & Donna Ullstrom - June 26, 2012 at 12:00 AM



“ Judy,
We was so saddened to hear that Bill had passed away. He was a wonderful man. We shared many laughs and great times. May your memories of his pranks, love and laughter help you thru the coming days.

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