



## William "Bill" D Burks

December 14, 1953 - January 7, 2026

William "Bill" D. Burks, 72, of Grand Island passed away on January 7, 2026 at CHI-Health St. Francis.

Celebration of life services will be held at 2 p.m. on Sunday, January 11, 2026 at All Faiths Funeral Home with family greeting friends an hour prior. Dan Naranjo will officiate. Military honors will be rendered by the United Veterans Honor Guard and the U.S. Air Force. Livestreaming will be available at [www.gi.allfaiths.com](http://www.gi.allfaiths.com) at the time of service.

All Faiths Funeral Home is entrusted with arrangements. Memorials are suggested to the family for future designation.

Bill was born on December 14, 1953 in Ravenna, son of Jess and Louise (Lefever) Burks. He was raised around Litchfield and Ravenna. Bill earned his GED from Grand Island Senior High School.

As soon as Bill was allowed at 17 years old, he enlisted in the U.S. Air Force. He was commended for his performance in classes and served in the accounting department.

On May 15, 1976, he married Veronica Sanchez, they settled in Grand Island where they raised their two children, Shannon and Brian. Bill loved being a husband, father, and later on, grandfather.

Bill was employed by Roberts Dairy in the delivery department. He was a dedicated and reliable employee.

Bill enjoyed being involved in his kids' activities and for many years he was a coach for their baseball teams. He was an avid sports fan, especially

Nebraska Huskers. Bill spent his life learning. He would often research various topics that would enable him to help his friends and family. Bill could be opinionated, but his advice came from caring for those around him. He was active in the beginning of the Grand Island Multiculture Coalition and was also President of the Lincoln School PTA. Bill was adored by his family, and his strength will be missed.

He is survived by his wife, Veronica of Grand Island; daughter, Shannon Burks of Grand Island, son, Brian Burks of Boise, ID; grandchildren, Brady (Emily) Semm, Brennan Semm, William Beau Burks and Bryson Dean Burks; great-grandchildren, Rosie Semm and August "Auggie" Semm; brothers, James "Jim" (Vicki) Burks and Lee (Dee) Burks; numerous friends and extended family.

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

# Previous Events

## Celebration of Life Gathering

JAN 11. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (CT)

All Faiths Funeral Home  
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# Tribute Wall



“ All Faiths Funeral Home created a Webcast in memory of William "Bill" D Burks



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All Faiths Funeral Home - January 11 at 01:21 PM



“ Love, Kennie Romer family purchased the Serene Retreat for the family of William "Bill" D Burks.



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Love, Kennie Romer family - January 10 at 12:49 PM