



## William "Bill" Bishop

February 23, 1959 - April 10, 2020

William "Bill" Bishop, 61  
Gibbon resident

William "Bill" Bishop, 61 of Gibbon passed away Friday, April 10, 2020 at Kearney Regional Medical Center in Kearney. A Celebration of Life Open House will be held at his home, 45065 85th Road in Gibbon on Saturday, August 1, 2020 from 2:00 to 7:00 p.m. As Bill was known to enjoy goodie days, let's make this one to remember. Please bring yourselves, a lawn chair if you have one, a favorite goodie day snack if you would like, your beverage of choice, and memories to share. Please help spread the word to others who may not know.

The family encourages everyone to leave a message of condolence through the funeral home website at [www.osrfh.com](http://www.osrfh.com) or send cards/memorials to the family care of O'Brien Straatmann Redinger Funeral Home, 4115 Ave N, Kearney, NE 68847.

Memorials are suggested to the Kearney Catholic Scholarship Fund. Services are entrusted to O'Brien Straatmann Redinger Funeral and Cremation Services.

William Robert was born February 23, 1959 in Burlington, CO to Kenneth and

Mabel (Meyer) Bishop. He grew up in Burlington and attended Burlington High School. His family later moved to Kearney, NE where he graduated from Kearney Catholic High School.

Bill was united in marriage to Kathy House on August 4, 1984 in Kearney, NE. The couple made their home and raised their two boys, Nathan and Zach, in Gibbon. Bill worked as an engineer for over 30 years at Eaton Corp until his retirement.

Bill enjoyed the great outdoors while spending time with his friends hunting, fishing, and camping. He had many fond memories of growing up in Colorado. In his younger days, he could be found at Kearney Raceway racing his custom motorcycle. Family and friends were very important to him and he will be missed by all of them.

Left to cherish his memory are his wife, Kathy Bishop of Gibbon; sons, Nathan Bishop and life partner, Shawna Crawford and her daughter, Kirah of Hastings, and Zach Bishop of Durham, NC; stepmother, Marge Bishop of Burlington, CO; brother, Paul (Lanna) Bishop of Elm Creek; sisters, Carol Tatkenhorst of Burlington, CO, Bonita (Kevin) Knox of Riverton, WY; along with several extended family and friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Ken and Mabel Bishop.

# Previous Events

## Celebration of Life

AUG 1. 2:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Bishop residence  
45065 85th Road  
Gibbon, NE 68840

# Tribute Wall



“ *William "Bill" Bishop*

January 28, 2023 at 08:01 AM



“ *I remember Bill and his big smile, he always seemed to be wearing it.*

*My condolences to those of you who will miss him most. May he Rest In Peace.*

*Burlington classmates - Jim & Carol Cave*

**Jim Cave** - April 24, 2020 at 08:00 PM



“ *I was so sorry to hear of Bill's passing. Even though Bill moved away before graduating from Burlington High School, he was very much part of the class of '77 at BHS, with a lot of years of great memories while growing up to recall. It was good to see him a couple of years ago at this dad's service.*

*Wishing you beautiful memories of Bill at this time of loss!*

*Classmate - Dena (Travis) Daniel*

**Dena Daniel** - April 24, 2020 at 12:34 PM



“ *I worked with Bill at Eaton from 2000 when I started until he retired. I would always joke with him about only being a few months old when he started working at Eaton. He was one of the kindest guys I worked with. I ordered a lot of meals for customer visits or training sessions and he would always walk by my desk and ask if we would be “dining with the fine China” which was his way of asking if he should leave room for leftovers. My prayers to you all!*

**Angela Flies** - April 15, 2020 at 02:26 PM

DS

“ Dale And Cindy Shearer lit a candle in memory of William "Bill" Bishop



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**Dale and Cindy Shearer** - April 14, 2020 at 08:26 PM

DB

“ Kathy, Nate and Zach,  
Bill came to Kearney at a time when I needed a change in my outlook about life. He was that change. I have never laughed so hard with anybody else in my life. He was a man that would take bull by the horns just to see what would happen. I will always love that man.  
God's speed brother,  
Doug Blaha

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**Doug Blaha** - April 14, 2020 at 07:50 PM

WT

“ Bill had a laugh and smile that everyone enjoyed, the joke's we shared where great . working around him made work fun. i'll miss him . Willy Trompke

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**willy trompke** - April 14, 2020 at 07:48 PM

JS

“ Kathy, Nate and Zach,  
My heart goes out to you and your family on the passing of your husband, father and best friend, know that you are in my thoughts and prayers.  
Rest in peace my friend, you will be missed by all.

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**John Smith** - April 14, 2020 at 10:10 AM

TF

“ *Tammey Frick lit a candle in memory of William "Bill" Bishop*



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**Tammey Frick** - April 13, 2020 at 01:28 PM