

William George Pitt

October 8, 1938 - August 16, 2011

William George Pitt, 72, died Aug. 16, 2011, at Campbell County Memorial Hospital in Gillette.

He was born Oct. 8, 1938, the son of Howard and Ethel (Rabenstein) Pitt in Thermopolis, where he was raised and went to school.

Bill served six years in the U.S. Marine Corps. He then enlisted in the U.S. Navy where he served another eight years, seeing two tours of duty in Vietnam and receiving two Bronze Stars.

Bill married Franklene (Anderson) on April 19, 1968, and the couple had four children and adopted their grandson. Bill also had twin daughters from a previous relationship.

They moved to Wright in 1979 where Bill worked at various jobs until 1989 when he moved to Casper and taught welding at Wyoming Welding School for two years. He always encouraged all his students to get their GED and become better people.

The family moved to Gillette in 1998 and Bill worked for EMS until he retired in 2002.

Bill was a member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars, American Legion and Disabled American Veterans. He loved spending time with his family, especially his grandkids, teasing everyone he could, and being the best husband and father in the world. He also enjoyed fishing in the Big Horns and traveling.

He is survived by his wife of 43 years, of Gillette; son, Willy (Linda) Pitt of Fort Benning, Ga.; daughters, Kelle Shubitowski of North Pole, Alaska; Teri (Jeff) Douglass of Coolidge, Ariz., Karen Pitt of Casper, Kathy (Jerry) Bryan of Gillette and Billie (Craig) Holden of Casper; brother, Keith (Lois) Pitt of Glenrock; sisters, Violet (Robert) Snow of Thermopolis and Rilene Morgan of Provo, Utah; 18 grandchildren; five great-grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

Bill was preceded in death by his father and mother; mother-in-law, Elva Anderson; paternal and fraternal grandparents; sisters, Bonnie Taylor and Nellie Pitt; brothers, Howard, Cleo and Wallace Pitt; grandson Ben Duncan; and brother-in-law, Paul Taylor.

Funeral services were held Friday, Aug. 19 at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints in Gillette with Bishop Heaton presiding. Burial was held Saturday, Aug. 20 at the Lovell Cemetery in Lovell.

Memorials and condolences can be sent in Bill's name in care of the Walker Funeral Home, 410 Medical Arts Court, Gillette, WY 82718 or condolences can be sent to website www.walkerfuneralgillette.com.

