



IN LOVING MEMORY OF
Willis William Palmer

WHO WAS BORN
May 10, 1936
Kelliher, Minnesota

AND CALLED TO HIS ETERNAL HOME
June 20, 2018
Minneapolis, Minnesota

CELEBRATION OF LIFE
Monday, June 25, 2018 - 2:00 p.m.
Ortley Free Lutheran Church
Ortley, South Dakota

OFFICIANT
Pastor Bob Grebel

HONORARY BEARERS
All Who Called Bill "Friend"

APPRECIATION
Bill's family is grateful for your attendance
at this service. Your many expressions of
kindness and love are deeply appreciated.
Following the celebration, please join the family
for food and fellowship in the church dining room.

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*My Dad, my friend and guiding light,
A gift from God and in His sight.
You taught me by examples set,
With wisdom which was heaven sent.
Never judging, always fair,
Ever present, always there.
This sturdy rock and gentle soul,
A kinder man I'll never know...*

*Throughout the past and years we had,
I was so proud to call you "Dad."
In bursting pride you never knew,
Just how much love I had for you.
While God has willed that we must part,
We'll stay connected, heart to heart.
For He has smiled and said, "My Son,
Welcome home, a job well done."*

Willis William Palmer was born on May 10, 1936, in Kelliher, MN, to Willis Franklin and Vida Jane (Cypher) Palmer. Bill served in the United States Army from 1957 until 1960. He was stationed with the 93rd Engineer Company and was stationed in Germany.

Bill met Jannis Marie McCraney in Wasta, SD. Only a few months later, on June 9, 1962, they were united in marriage in Rapid City. Bill and Jannis lived in various places during their marriage including Watertown, SD, rural South Shore, SD, Grand Forks, ND, Lincoln, NE, and Upton, WY. In 2001, they moved to Ortley, SD. Bill worked as a plumber before working as a process operator for the Department of Energy – coal gasification plant in Grand Forks, ND.

Bill and Jannis loved traveling to Arizona. Bill and Jannis were life-members of the Quartzite Gem and Mineral Club. Bill worked behind the scenes as a maintenance worker. He was a member of Ortley Free Lutheran Church.

Willis “Bill” Palmer is survived by sons: Victor (Joe’L) Palmer of Sioux Falls, SD; LaDuke Palmer of Ortley; and Franklin (Julie) Palmer of Omaha, NE; six grandchildren: Jenna Palmer; Joshua Palmer; Austin Palmer; Zachary Palmer; Shawn Palmer; and Bella Rose Palmer (and her mother, Heather Palmer); brother, Roy (Susan) Palmer of Brookings, SD; sister, Hattie Kuwamoto of Nebraska; sister-in-law, Donna Palmer of Clark, SD; as well as many nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents; and wife, Jannis, on September 18, 2014; brother, Leonard Palmer; and sister, Bea Bigley.

