



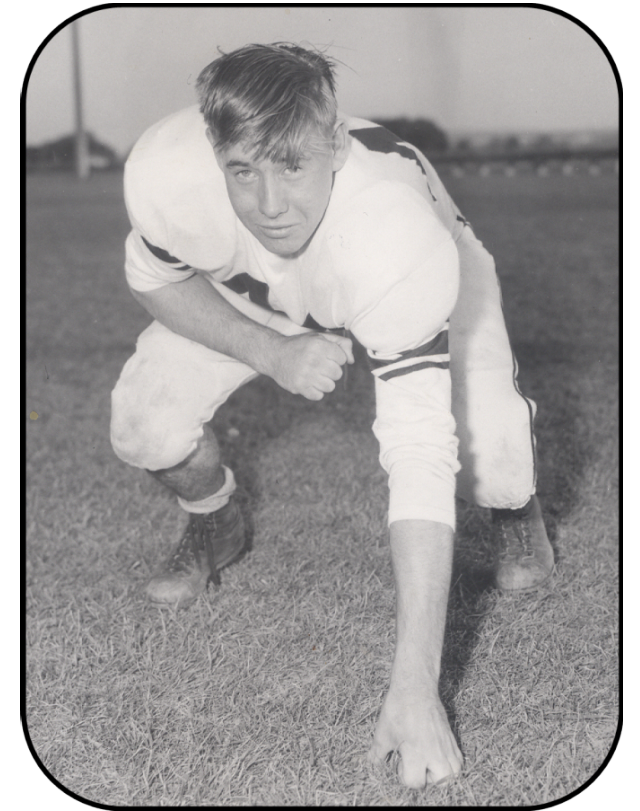
THE APOSTLE'S CREED

I believe in God the Father Almighty,
Maker of Heaven and earth;
And in Jesus Christ, His only son,
our Lord: Who was conceived by the
Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary;
Suffered under Pontius Pilate, was
crucified, died, and was buried;
He descended into hell; the third day
He rose again from the dead;
From thence He shall come to judge
the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit;
The Holy Christian Church; the
communion of saints.
The forgiveness of sins; the
resurrection of the body; and
life everlasting.
Amen

In Loving Memory Of

William Alfred Smelser
"Bill"

April 19, 1935 ~ February 2, 2018



*"I have fought the good fight. I
have finished the race, I have kept
the faith."*

2 Timothy 4:7

William Alfred Smelser
"Bill"

Born

April 19, 1935 ~ Sioux Falls, SD

Died

February 2, 2018 ~ Sidney, MT

Funeral Services

1:30 P.M., Thursday, February 8, 2018

Trinity Lutheran Church Sidney, MT

Officiating

Pastor Rolf Preus

Music

Dena Lake

Casketbearers:

Bryon Smelser Jonathan Smelser

Tevis Eleson Randy Arndt

Brady Smelser Zach Mulholland

Honorary Casketbearers

*All of Bill's Grandchildren
and Great Grandchildren*

Ushers

Niall Beyer Jordan Hebron

James Beyer Jake Wiedenman

Interment

*Lone Butte Cemetery
Girard Community, MT*

Bill was born on April 19, 1935, to Rex and Apolonia (Seefeld) Smelser in Sioux Falls, SD, one of six siblings. His family moved many times before coming to Montana, including living in Bremerton, WA during WWII. Their first home was in Miles City, coming to Sidney in 1949, where they became active members of Trinity Lutheran Church. After coming to Sidney, Bill's joys included playing football for the Sidney Eagles as a defensive end and captain of the team, as well as being a member of the National Guard.

Bill began his own family in 1957, with his marriage to Sharon Ann Weiser in Hazelton, ND. Their family began with the birth of their son, Todd William, soon followed by Bret Alfred and Cindy Lynnae. Sharon and Bill fostered two other sons, Timothy Wade Mulholland and Joel Metrick. The addition of these two sons completed his family.

Bill had many hobbies which included raising dogs, wood working, fishing, playing cards, traveling, writing poetry, cooking meals, and making old fashioned ice cream with his special recipe for his children and grandchildren. He was an active member of the Sidney community, having served as a city councilman, assisting in the pioneering of the Old Fashioned 4th of July, and a

member of the Sportsman's Club. He assisted in construction of the current Trinity Church building by hauling many loads of brick from Hebron, ND to Sidney.

Bill was a successful entrepreneur in the new steel, hide, fur and recycling business, founding Border Steel and Recycling with his son Bret in 1985. He was very proud of this business and the fact that many family members have joined in the operation of it. Bill was a strong but gentle man known for his sense of humor and his love of family.

Bill died on Friday, February 2, 2018, in Sidney, MT.

Bill is survived by: Sharon, his wife of 61 years, his son Bret (Julie), his daughter Cindy (Tom), his son Tim (Remona), his daughter-in-law, Sue (Roger); he was grandfather to Alissa (Randy), Jon (Megan), Becca (Jordan), Heather (Scott), Bryon (Tania), Brady (Ryann), Carla (Lee), Tanner, Danielle, Katyana (Jake), Tevis, Chelsie, Zach, and Skyler and great grandfather to 21; three sisters, Beverly Backer, Frankie Morrison, and Anna Mindt.

Bill was preceded in death by his parents, his son Todd, and his great-grandson Jamie.

*You may share your remembrances, condolences, and pictures
with the family at the Fulkerson-Stevenson Funeral Home
Website: www.fulkersons.com*