



**William "Bill" Joseph Ivins**  
**July 14, 1944 – December 12, 2017**

William "Bill" Joseph Ivins, 73, of Omaha, Nebraska, passed away at his daughter, Amanda's home in Austin, Texas after a battle with Amyloidosis, a rare and incurable disease on the evening of December 12, 2017. His very last wish was to sip from his favorite drink, a Mexican Coke, on his hand when his soul left him to begin a spiritual journey. He studied Oahspe and is a Faithist.

Bill was born in San Bernardino, California to Lt. Col. Hobart and Betty (McCracken) Ivins. He had four brothers, Leonard (Butch), Edward and Frederick and Mike. His father retired from Air Force for 19 years. They lived in different places in America and in England. Bill attended and graduated at Nebraska School for the Deaf in 1964. He continued his education in Gallaudet and a class member of 1969.

Bill was married to Dianna Spidle and they had three children, Dale, Frederick and Amanda. Upon his divorce, he also has a son, Joshua, with Brenda Harlan. He also raised Brenda's son, Jeremiah.

Bill worked for the printing department for 20 years, bowling, skeet shooting, hunting, fishing (he's famous for his BBQ sauce and catfish fry), photo shooting and social life in the deaf community of Omaha. Retiring from his job, Bill loved his life traveling in his RV across America, He was well loved in the deaf community. His bucket list was to fly on a small airplane and to be with his family and friends in Omaha, eaten at Johnny Cafe, driving his beloved RV home one more time were successfully checked off.

Bill is survived by his four children, his fifteen grandchildren, Dale's children – Dylan and Derrick – with his former wife, Stacy Thompson, Frederick's children – Andrew, Kesley, Emily, Ian, and Sapphira – with his wife, Amy Elliott and Amanda's children, Alma, Axo and Oakia – with her husband, Max Robinson, Joshua's children, Tyler, Aleaya, Isaiah, and Gabriella, and Jeremiah's son, Jeremiah Jr. and his brother, Mike.

Bill was preceded in death by his parents and his three brothers, Butch, Edward and Frederick. He was cremated in Austin, Texas. The memorial service will be taken place at Omaha Association for the Deaf, 4050 Hillsdale Avenue, Omaha, Nebraska, 68114 at 1 p.m. on July 13, 2018.