

William W. Richardson October 1944 – May 14, 2010

Bill passed away at his home in Oakdale, CA, surrounded by his wife, children and friends. Bill was proud to have served in the US Army from 1966-1970. He was a volunteer for the Livermore Fire Department for 21 years and served as captain of the volunteers for 10 years. He loved the Livermore Rodeo and was a past director. He was awarded Stanislaus County Chapter of the American Red Cross Volunteer of the Year 2009 and loved going on disaster deployment in 2005 to Louisiana and Mississippi, and to Texas in 2008. He also enjoyed volunteering with the local Red Cross. He loved long rides on his Harley with his friends.

Bill also loved his registered Hereford cows and his dogs. He was preceded in death by his beloved ranch horse, Shorty, a special gift from Dennis Kiley.

Bill worked at Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory from 1970-2004 in the Computations Directorate as a Computer Systems Manager (retired 2004)

Bill is survived by his wife Bonnie, children Samantha Pontrelli of Wake Forest, NC, Liane Arruda of Livermore, CA, Sara Silva of Lodi, CA and Adam of Danville, CA, and 7 grandchildren . He is survived by 2 sisters, Sara Franklin of Vacaville, CA and Jane Stephens of Tracy, CA.

Services will be held at the San Joaquin Valley National Cemetery, Santa Nella, CA, Thursday, June 3, 2010 at 12:30 pm. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in Bill's name to the Stanislaus Chapter of the American Red Cross 1230 6th St, Modesto, CA 209-523-6451

Bill was a tireless worker for NCWSA. Although he did not run dogs in competition, he was always there ready, willing and able to help out. He scribed countless runs at many trials, was the perennial timekeeper at the time and obstacle trials in Pleasanton each year, and his truck pulled sheep, bridges, water and other supplies to trials and events. We all loved Bill's ever cheerful and helpful attitude and his positive outlook. He will be missed.

