WILLIAM DAVID GRAHAM

On Monday, August 18, 2014, after a long battle with cancer, William (Bill) David Graham of El Toro, Calif., passed away peacefully at his home. He was born June 15, 1936, to William Johnston Graham and Ella Spading Graham of Montezuma.

In January 1954 at age 17, he enlisted in the U.S. Marine Corps, and in January 1958, he enlisted in the U.S. Air Force. He was a Vietnam veteran and retired from the Air Force as a master sergeant in 1974. He then made his home in El Toro, Calif.

Bill and Millie met in 1962 and were married in 1963. Bill and Millie have three daughters and three wonderful sons-in-law, and eight grandchildren: Carla (Bob) Farver of Wildomar, Calif., Jolene (Jeff) Gibbs of Corona, Calif., and Denis (Jeff) Ferrier of San Clemente, Calif.; Brittany Ferrier, Adam Ferrier, Cline Ferrier, Peter Gibbs, Maggie Gibbs, Andrew Gibbs, Emily Farver and Rylee Farver.

He worked many jobs. His last job was with the San Margarita Water District. He was a proud patriot, loving husband, father and friend. He loved to laugh, tell jokes, “cut a rug” and just be silly. He especially loved his eight grandchildren.

Bill and Millie joined the Lutheran Church of the Cross in March 1978 and became active members. Bill loved his church family, especially singing in the choir.

He was preceded in death by his parents; and three siblings, Tom Graham, Barb Smith and John Graham.

He is survived by his wife of 51 years, Millie; his children; his grandchildren; seven siblings, Beatrice Graham, Ruth Beck, Carol Kolars, Roberta See, Jim Graham, Mike Graham and Nancy Weaver; and many nieces, nephews and extended family.

William 'Bill' David Graham of El Toro, Calif., originally a Montezuma native, died at home in California Monday, Aug. 18, 2014, after a long battle with cancer.

Services were held Aug. 30 at Lutheran Church of the Cross in Laguna Woods, Calif. In lieu of flowers, memorial gifts in his honor may be sent to: Lutheran Church of the Cross, 24231 El Toro Road, Laguna Woods, CA 92637.

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He married his wife, Millie, in 1963 and they had three daughters. He worked many jobs; his last job was with the Sanita Margarita Water District. He was a patriot and a family man, and loved to laugh. He and his wife joined Lutheran Church of the Cross in March 1978 and became active members; Bill especially loved singing in the choir.

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