William “Bill” Dean Cornish
Bill was born April 8, 1941 at Ainsworth, NE, to Claude E. and Violet B. (Whitcomb) Cornish.
He lived on the family farm near Mission, SD until joining the US Navy on January 24, 1964. He served aboard the USS Arneb and was honorably discharged on March 16, 1966.
Bill married Jo Ruthven Flint at Pierre, SD on May 31, 1968.
He married Lois Price Scofield on January 3, 1974 in Tucson, AZ.
Bill referred to himself as “A jack of all trades”: which included ranch hand, cowboy in the Arizona mountains, pipe fitter, pole climber, heavy equipment operator, over the road truck driver, oil field truck dispatcher and driver, store clerk, prison guard, and mental health/drug rehab counselor. He worked in Arizona, California, Texas, Nebraska, Colorado, Oklahoma, South Dakota and Wyoming.
Bill had a steady, easy going, calming personality that family and friends relied on to be a help in any situation. He loved to play cards and be with family and was known for always coming out ahead in a poker game. He worked hard to provide for his family and ALWAYS put his family first in decisions that he made. He treated people fairly, with respect, and lived by The Golden Rule.
He enjoyed fishing and hunting with his sons and grandchildren, once having caught a 13 foot sailfish. In recent years his greatest pleasure was family gatherings, camping on the Mogollon Rim in Arizona, and going home to South Dakota in the summer.
William Dean "Bill" Cornish, 73, died at his residence in Phoenix, AZ on Wednesday, January 7, 2015.
Survivors include his wife, Lois Cornish, Phoenix, AZ; children, Christine Dawn Cornish Melton, Little Rock, CA, Casey C. Cornish, Tickfaw, Louisiana; Justin W. Cornish, Phoenix, AZ; M. Bentley Street, Hayes, VA, Zane L. Scofield, Phoenix, AZ, Adela K. Scofield Veitch, Phoenix, AZ, James H. Scofield, Belle Fourche, SD; and 8 grandchildren; sister, Claudia (Rolland) Sharkey; also nieces, nephews and numerous family members.
He was preceded in death by his parents, and a younger sister, Phyllis.
A Memorial will be established in his name.
Condolences may be sent to the family at www.kinkadefunerals.com.

In Loving Memory Of

William “Bill” Dean Cornish

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The family invites you for fellowship and lunch at the Vet’s Club following the service.
We thank you for your presence and condolences.
God saw he was getting tired
and a cure was not to be
So He put His arms around him
And whispered “come to Me.”
With tearful eyes we watched him suffer
And saw him fade away
Although we loved him dearly
We could not make him stay.
A golden heart stopped beating
Hardworking hands to rest
God broke our hearts to prove to us
He takes the very best.

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Born
April 8, 1941
Ainsworth, Nebraska

Died
January 7, 2015
Phoenix, Arizona

Memorial Service
Friday, January 23, 2015 at 10:00 a.m.
Kinkade Funeral Chapel
Sturgis, South Dakota

Clergy
Pastor Del Neumeister

Musicians
Jim Scofield
Bentley Streat

Special Musical Selections
“Blue Eyes Crying In The Rain”
“Amazing Grace”
“Suppertime”
“Navy Hymn – Anchors Aweigh”

Honorary Pallbearers
Ronald Sharkey ~ Kevin Sharkey ~ Eddie Sharkey
Tom Price ~ David Price ~ Darrell Raber

Military Honors
Sturgis Veteran’s Honor Guard

Inurnment
Black Hills National Cemetery
Sturgis, South Dakota