

Lawrence “Larry” William Bride

Larry was born in Yankton, SD, on February 22, 1936, to Joseph and Helen (Schneider) Bride. Larry was the middle child of five siblings ~ the late Patricia Kreber, Joe Bride, Dave Bride, and the late Kathie Grooms.

Larry grew up farming in the Missouri River Valley and attended country schools from 1st-8th grades. He then went on to Yankton High School, where he excelled in football and track and met the love of his life, Rochelle Hebner. They started dating in 1953 and after high school, with Rochelle’s encouragement, he left farming and followed his true calling ~ receiving his Bachelor’s Degree from Southern State Teacher’s College in Springfield, SD, in 1959 and a Master’s in Education from South Dakota State University in 1965.

Larry and Rochelle married on June 2, 1958. Larry enjoyed a successful coaching and teaching career spanning 38 years in many small, tight-knit communities in South Dakota, Iowa, Colorado, and Wyoming. He also had the honor of being invited to coach Track at the US Olympic Training Center in Colorado Springs, CO in the summer of 1981. His humor, talent, and gentle nurturing had a lasting impact on many of his students and athletes. Larry’s interests and hobbies varied from camping, hunting and fishing to golfing, woodworking, traveling and sports of all kinds (especially track and football). Depending on where the Bride family lived at any given time, Larry was also active in the Elks, Kiwanas, Lions Club, PTA, and Chamber of Commerce. A life-long Catholic, Larry (along with Rochelle) counseled engaged couples through Marriage Preparation and served as Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion and Ushers. After retiring in Sheridan, WY, Larry and Rochelle moved to Grand Junction, CO, for 5 years. Then in 2005, they moved to Sturgis, SD, in their beloved Black Hills and stayed until 2015 when they moved to Denver to be closer to some of their children.

Larry’s love and pride for his family resonated in everything he did and said. He will be dearly missed by his entire family.

Lawrence “Larry” William Bride of Denver, CO, passed away peacefully at home with family by his side on August 23, 2017, after a six year battle with Lewy Body Dementia.

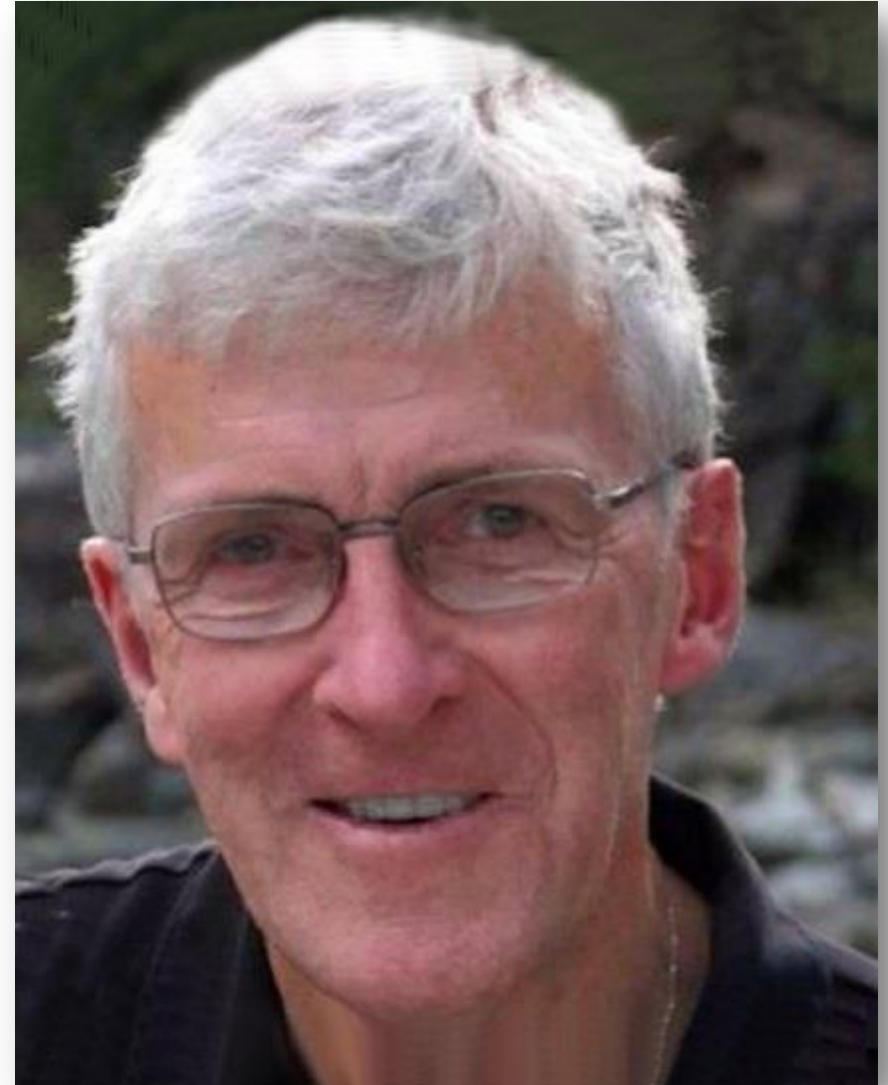
Larry is survived by his wife of 59 years, Rochelle; two brothers, Joe (Jeanne) and Dave (Doris); children, Melisa (Scott) Neil, Michael (Lisa) Bride, Erin (Fred) Telleen, and Shannon (Brendan) O’Neill; grandchildren, Matt (Cayte), Kit (Chelsey), and Brie Neil, Rachel, Tara, and Mitch Bride, Keeli and Kyle Telleen, and Grace O’Neill; and great-grandchildren, Beckett, Dinah Grace, Sadie, Chloe, and Connor Neil; sister-in-law, Ruthanne (Jerry) Huber; as well as numerous nieces, nephews, and cousins.

The Bride Family would like to express their heartfelt gratitude to the wonderful team at Encompass Home Health & Hospice and Senior Helpers for their gentle care and comfort.

Memorial donations may be made to the Lewy Body Dementia Association, www.lbda.org or St. Jude Children’s Hospital at www.stjude.org.

View the obituary and send condolences to the family at www.kinkadefunerals.com.

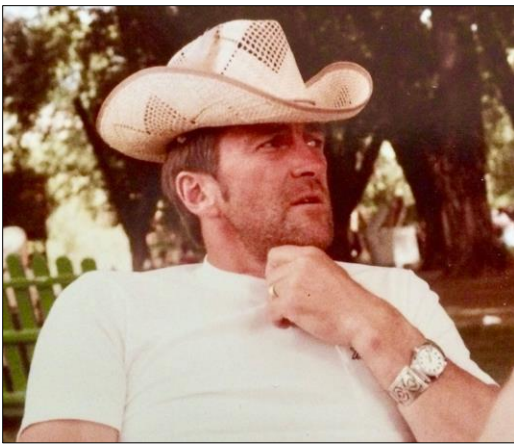
In Loving Memory Of



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1936 ~ 2017

The family would like to invite you for fellowship and lunch following committal services at St. Francis Catholic church hall. We thank you for your presence and condolences.



To Those I Love and Those Who Love Me

*When I am gone, release me, let me go -
I have so many things to see and do.
You mustn't tie yourself to me with tears,
Be thankful for our beautiful years.*

*I gave to you my love. You can only guess
How much you gave to me in happiness.
I thank you for the love you each have shown,
But now it's time I traveled on alone.*

*So grieve a while for me, if grieve you must,
Then let your grief be comforted by trust.
It's only for a time that we must part,
So cherish the memories within your heart.*

*I won't be far away, for life goes on,
So if you need me, call and I will come.
Though you can't see or touch me, I'll be near
And if you listen with your heart, you'll hear
All my love around you soft and clear.*

*And then, when you must come this way alone,
I'll greet you with a smile and say, "Welcome Home!"*

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Born
February 22, 1936
Yankton, South Dakota

Died
August 23, 2017
Denver, Colorado

Memorial Services
Saturday, October 14, 2017, at 10:00 a.m.
St. Martin's Chapel
Sturgis, South Dakota

Celebrant
Father Timothy Castor

Accompanist
Dr. Barry Furze

Soloist
Sue Lloyd Davies

Musical Selections
"Prayer of St. Francis" "Precious Lord, Take My Hand"
"Amazing Grace" "On Eagle's Wings" "Oh Loving God"

Inurnment
St. Aloysius Cemetery
Sturgis, South Dakota