

William Karl Robinson

July 22, 1930 ~ November 26, 2021

William Karl Robinson - CB handle “Will Power” - has finally powered through his last roadblock to be with his sweetheart Donna. This long-hauler signed off on November 26, 2021, at his daughter’s home, surrounded by his loved ones. He was 91 years old.

Bill was a man of integrity, strength, and grit. He was deeply loyal and faithfully served his wife with determination throughout her progression into dementia. His rough exterior enclosed a tender and empathetic heart.

No one could out-work our Dad. He was a resourceful and ingenious problem solver. Throughout his life, he was determined to make things right. He leaves us a legacy of honesty, love of country, and faith in Jesus Christ.

Bill was born on July 22, 1930, in Salt Lake City, Utah, to his loving parents, Karl, and Lorna Robinson, the fourth of six children. When it came time for high school, he finagled a way to go to South High where he could be with his best friend, Grant Neerings. With a full beard, big muscles, and being quite the character, he was known as a lady killer.

In 1948 he married Carol Young and was blessed with three wonderful children, Susan, David, and Alan. Heartbroken after his first marriage ended in divorce, Bill was generously compensated when he found and married the love of his life, Donna Almeda Renner, on December 5, 1957, in the Salt Lake Temple. They enjoyed sixty-two wonderful years together and were blessed with three doting daughters, Cindy, Lynda, and Jill.

Bill and Donna were fortunate enough to build a home on Sundown Avenue in Salt Lake. It was the perfect place to raise a family where they were surrounded by many good friends and neighbors. It will always be considered home.

Bill worked hard in the trucking industry for most of his life. He started by helping his dad haul coal. He moved up to changing big truck tires for Milne Trucking, loading, and unloading cinder blocks by hand, and driving and hauling heavy concrete girders for Buehner Block. He was so proud to work for and help run his father’s Karl S. Robinson Trucking Company. It was there that he registered his most fitting CB handle, “Will Power.”

Though Dad’s long haul included some tough roads, he took time to have fun. He played as hard as he worked. He loved golf, bowling, water-skiing, archery, swimming, motorcycling, card games, pool, and fishing.

After retiring, Bill and Donna moved to Ivins, Utah, in the Padre Lakes community. They absolutely loved it there and made many wonderful friendships. They also owned a cute little cabin in Weber Canyon near Oakley where they would spend their summers and where their family would often gather and make memories. Bill meticulously improved and cared for the cabin property, and every inch stands as a monument to his hard work ethic and ingenuity.

Bill is survived by his sister Evlynn Scott and brother Calvin (Nina) Robinson; daughters Cindy (William) Atkin, Lynda (Michael) Patterson, Jill (Phil) Pack, and Susan Tippets; sons David Robinson and Alan Robinson; 21

grandchildren, at least 32 great children, and many nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his wife, Donna, his parents Karl and Lorna Robinson, and siblings LaPreal Anderson, Ken Robinson, and Garth Robinson.

A celebration of Bill’s life will be held on Saturday, December 4th at Larkin Sunset Gardens, 1950 E. 10600 S. Sandy, Utah at 2:00 p.m. A visitation will be held there one hour prior.