

Bill Lauritzen, 82, of San Diego, Calif., and Faulkton, died early Sunday morning, August 2, 2015 at Avera St. Luke's Hospital in Aberdeen.

Wilbur "Bill" Lewis Lauritzen was born June 11, 1933 to Lewis and Florence (Crawford) Lauritzen in Faulkton.

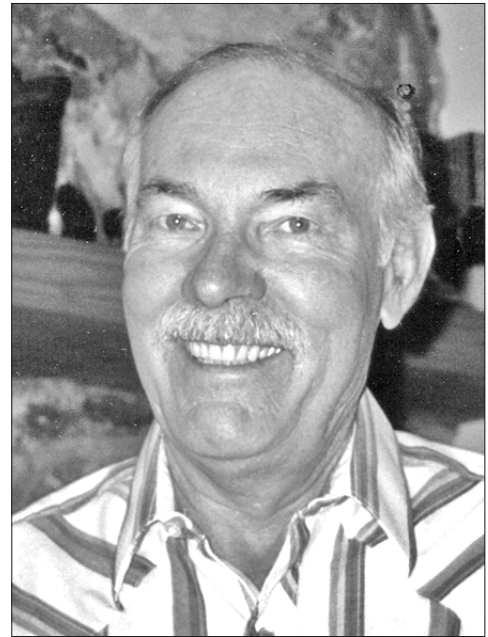
He grew up in Faulkton, and served in the Army in Japan for two years. He returned home from the service and was united in marriage in 1955 to Shirley Matthews in San Diego. Together they raised three daughters.

Bill owned his own business in San Diego, and retired in the late 1980's. He was a private pilot and traveled all over the United States and Mexico. In his later years he especially enjoyed coming back to South Dakota for the summer months, especially for harvest.

He was very active in the Masons, the Shriners, of which he was Past Potentate 1986-87, the Elks, and the V.F.W.

Bill is survived by his long time companion and fiancée Char Ollier of San Diego; daughters, Cheryl (Dave) Nicholson of Fortuna, Calif. and Cid (Janine) Lauritzen, also of Fortuna, Calif.; one grandson, Grant Bryant of San Diego, Calif.; one brother, Rodger (Lauralee) Lauritzen of Faulkton; and many other family members.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Lewis and Florence Lauritzen; daughter Karen Kay; one brother, Murray; and one nephew Harry.



## **Bill Lauritzen**

**June 11, 1933 – Aug. 2, 2015**

*One night I dreamed a dream.  
As I was walking along the beach with my Lord.  
Across the dark sky flashed scenes from my life.  
For each scene, I noticed two sets of footprints in the sand,  
One belonging to me and one to my Lord.*

*After the last scene of my life flashed before me,  
I looked back at the footprints in the sand.  
I noticed that at many times along the path of my life,  
especially at the very lowest and saddest times,  
there was only one set of footprints.*

*This really troubled me, so I asked the Lord about it.  
"Lord, you said once I decided to follow you,  
You'd walk with me all the way.  
But I noticed that during the saddest and  
most troublesome times of my life,  
there was only one set of footprints.  
I don't understand why, when I needed You the most,  
You would leave me."*

*He whispered, "My precious child, I love you  
and will never leave you  
Never, ever, during your trials and testings.  
When you saw only one set of footprints,  
It was then that I carried you."*

## **A Celebration of Life for Wilbur "Bill" Lauritzen**

**BORN:**  
June 11, 1933  
Faulkton, S.D.

**DIED:**  
Aug. 2, 2015  
Aberdeen, S.D.

**SERVICES:** 11 a.m.  
Wednesday, August 5, 2015  
United Church of Faulkton  
Faulkton, South Dakota

**OFFICIATING:** Pastor Bill Hoffman

**ORGANIST:** Marlene Hammond

**SONGS:**  
*Amazing Grace and How Great Thou Art*