



# *Celebrating A Life*

*Bill Nesler*

*1947 - 2013*



William A. Nesler, 65, of Miller, was called home Thursday, March 28, 2013 at Avera St. Luke's Hospital in Aberdeen after a brief illness.

On March 29, 1947, Bill was born to Cleo Potter and William Nesler, Sr. and raised in Sonora, California. On July 1, 1965, he was drafted into the United States Army, serving in Germany in an intelligence gathering unit. While in Germany, he was stationed in Vietnam for nine months where he flew forward air control missions, flying a Cessna Bird Dog. Two years later, he was honorably discharged.

Bill was no stranger to flying. He followed in the family business of crop dusting at the age of 16 until he was called into the Army. Bill passed with 40 years of flying and some 30,000 hours under his wings.

Upon getting out of the Military, he once again returned to crop dusting and traveling throughout the United States, as well as overseas. He spent one year crop dusting in Egypt before going to Liberia, West Africa where he flew Bush Planes off and on for 20+ years. For the last 16 years, he has worked in South Dakota, first for Aero Spray Services in Miller and then for Wilbur-Ellis in Huron, South Dakota where he enjoyed what he called "family".

Bill's famous quote that many knew well, "If I die tomorrow there is no S.O.B. that can say I haven't lived."

Bill leaves behind his wife of 25 years, Chris Jones of Miller; one brother, Bob Nesler of California; four children: William, Becky, Jeff and Raquel (Brian); and three grandchildren, Kyle, Courtney and Morgan.

Preceding him in death were his parents.

## **The Warrior**

The Universe is my way.  
Courage is my shadow.  
Love is my torch.  
Peace is my refuge.  
The Earth is my school.  
Daily Life is my arena.  
Action is my secret.  
Now is my lesson.  
Impossibility is my stimulus.  
Pain is my warning.  
Work is my blessing.  
Balance is my temper.  
Evolution is my purpose.  
Perfection is my destiny.

*God's Speed Duster  
Thank you for your service...  
to all of mankind.*



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# ***William A. Nesler***

March 29, 1947  
Sonora, California

March 28, 2013  
Aberdeen, South Dakota

### ***CELEBRATION OF BILL'S LIFE***

10:00 a.m., Saturday, April 6, 2013

Reck Funeral Home  
Miller, South Dakota

### ***OFFICIATING***

Pastor Brian Jones

### ***MUSIC SELECTIONS***

"I Can Only Imagine" Mercy Me  
"I Will Rise" Bobbi Larson  
"I'll Fly Away" Alison Krauss

Family and friends are invited for lunch and a  
time of fellowship at Turtle Creek in Miller  
following the service.