



William "Bill" Dickson

August 3, 1934 - April 9, 2026

William Miller Dickson passed away on Thursday, April 9, 2026, in Topeka, Kansas. He was born August 3, 1934, in Emporia, Kansas, the son of John A. and Melissa Miller Dickson. He grew up in the Miller community and graduated from Miller Rural High School. In 1956, he graduated from Kansas State University with a degree in Animal Science. After graduation, Bill spent three years in the United States Air Force flying as a navigator on a KC 97 refueling aircraft, refueling B 47's and B 52's aircraft in the air.

On August 28, 1955, Bill married Marion Louise Robinson in Emporia. To this union, three children were born, Debra, Dale, and Denise. After his military service, Bill joined the Kansas State University Extension Service serving as County Agricultural Agent in Neosho and Morris Counties, then spending the remainder of his career as an extension farm management specialist in Northeast Kansas.

His wife, Louise of 28 years passed away on October 29, 1983. On June 1, 1985, Bill married Velma Tucker McLain in Council Grove, Kansas.

Upon retirement, Bill spent most of his time in community service. He was one of the founders of the Council Grove Area Foundation and the Council Grove Life Center, also serving on the boards of the Council Grove United Methodist Church, the Morris County 4-H Foundation and Morris County Hospital

Foundation. He was a trustee on the Morris County Hospital Board for 17 years. In 2018, he and Velma moved to the Aldersgate Village Retirement Community in Topeka.

Bill will be remembered by his wife, Velma; daughter, Debra Pryor of Manhattan, Kansas; son, Dale K. (Dodi) of Shawnee, Kansas; daughter, Denise (Jim) Tatman of Coffeyville, Kansas; stepdaughters, Cheryl (John) Alves of Durango, Colorado and Shanna (Tom) Ziegler of Perry, Kansas; brothers, Willard of Topeka, and Wayne of Emporia; sister, Betty Weaverling of Salina, Kansas; 9 grandchildren; and sixteen great-grandchildren.

Bill was preceded in death by his parents, John and Melissa Dickson, and brothers, John Arthur, Jr., and Dale E. Dickson, sister-in-law, Ann Dickson, brother-in-law, Bill Weaverling, sons-in-law, Gary Pryor and Jon Picolet, and grandson, Matt Picolet.

Bill's family is honoring Bill's request to be cremated. A celebration of life will be held at 1 p.m. on Friday, April 17, 2026, at Manchester's Wesley Hall at Aldersgate Village, 7220 SW Asbury Drive, Topeka KS 66614. Inurnment will be at Reading Cemetery immediately following the service. Bill will be carried to his place of rest by his grandsons, Andrew Dickson, Matthew Dickson, Devan Hansen, Bryan Looze, Bill Pryor, and Christopher Tatman.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Morris County Hospital Foundation or the Council Grove Area Foundation Bill Dickson Wildcat Scholarship, or Aldersgate Employees Christmas Fund, sent in care of Kevin Brennan Family Funeral Home, 2801 SW Urish Road, Topeka KS 66614.

Bill's memorial service will be live-streamed on the funeral home's Facebook page, you can follow this link. <https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=10006>

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Condolences may be sent online at www.kevinbrennanfamily.com

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

APR 17. 1:00 PM (CT)

Aldersgate Village
7220 SW Asbury Drive
Topeka, KS 66614

Tribute Wall

MF

“ *Monica Rivers , Kinda Schuler and family purchased the Medium Dish Garden for the family of William "Bill" Dickson.*



Monica Rivers , Kinda Schuler and family - April 16 at 11:31 AM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of William "Bill" Dickson.*



April 15 at 06:30 PM



“ *Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of William "Bill" Dickson.*



April 14 at 03:40 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of William "Bill" Dickson.*



April 14 at 01:46 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of William "Bill" Dickson.

April 14 at 01:46 PM



“ Our thoughts and prayers are being sent your way. Please know how much you are cared about and are being kept in our hearts with deepest sympathy and love. Caroll(Ronald Bruce) Tucker and Family

Caroll J. Tucker - April 14 at 12:07 PM



“ Barbara Albro & family purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of William "Bill" Dickson.



Barbara Albro & family - April 13 at 10:04 AM



“ Loni Ketterman lit a candle in memory of William "Bill" Dickson



Loni Ketterman - April 12 at 08:49 PM

MB

“ *Bill (and Velma) were some of the first people we met when we came to Aldersgate Village. We have appreciated their friendship and we are saddened that Bill has died. Velma, Remember these 8 words: Love leaves behind more than death takes away!* ”

Merris and Barbara Brady - April 11 at 03:58 PM

MR

He was such a kind and warm person, I know you will miss him deeply.

Mary and Garrick Rettele - April 12 at 07:58 AM

NW

*I met Bill through Velma and knew right away that he was one of "the good ones" I have had occasions throughout the years at family functions to be around Bill and always enjoyed his company. I know he will be missed by family and friends. So sorry, Velma for your loss.
Naomi Watts*

Naomi Watts - April 24 at 03:41 PM