

William Bechtel – BS 1973 Pharmacy

William “Bill” Leonard Bechtel, 69, of Decatur, passed away Friday, September 9, 2016, at his home.

Bill was born November 1, 1946, in Grafton, North Dakota to Leonard and Delma (Kihne) Bechtel. He attended Cathedral Grade School and St. Mary’s Central High School, graduating in 1964. He enlisted in the Army in 1967 where he served as a pharmacy technician at Fort Sam Houston, Fort Monmouth and with the 326th Medical Battalion of the 101st Airborne Division in Vietnam. He was honorably discharged from Fort Irwin in 1970 and attended North Dakota State University where he graduated in 1973 with a degree in Pharmacy. He married Marti Kinzer on June 12, 1992, in Decatur.

He is survived by his wife, Marti; his daughter, Andria (Tim) Hurst of Taylorville; two step- daughters, Chaun (Leslie) Sinnard of Decatur and Angela (Germaine) Parker of Decatur; two grandchildren, Ray and Reiley Hurst; six step-grandchildren, Ashleigh Nichols, Karissa Hurst, Tristen Warnsley, Tramaine Parker, Bobby Parker and Jasmine Parker; one great-granddaughter, Aurora Canada; two brothers, Dick (Nancy) Bechtel of Mandan, ND and Tom (Julie) Bechtel of Neillsville, WI; his aunt, Jean Kihne of Seattle, WA and numerous cousins.

He was preceded in death by his parents.

The family will host a memorial service to celebrate the life of Bill Bechtel at 11 a.m. Friday, September 16, 2016, at Holy Cross Lutheran Church. Memorials may be directed to Decatur VA Outpatient Clinic 3035 E Mound Rd, Decatur, IL 62526.

The family of Bill Bechtel is being served by Moran & Goebel Funeral Home and Cremation Center, 2801 Monroe St, Decatur, IL.