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**E**arl William ""Bill"" Downs Jr., age 59 of Kirksville, MO, died Friday, March 21, 2014 at the Northeast Regional Medical Center, Kirksville.

Bill was born December 10, 1954 in Des Moines, Iowa, the son of Fonda (Osborn) Fountain and Earl William Downs Sr. He graduated from Seymour High School in 1973. Bill was united in marriage to Wanda L. Keel on October 1, 1984 in Centerville. Bill and Wanda moved from Centerville to Fairbanks, Alaska in 2006. Bill was destined to live ""the Alaskan way." His favorite pastime while living in Alaska was visiting the Denali National Park, a park consisting of 6 million acres of wild land. Following a six year residence in Alaska, they relocated to Kirksville, Missouri.

He loved reading western novels in his free time. Bill was also an animal lover and enjoyed taking road trips with family and friends.

He is survived by his wife, Wanda Downs of Kirksville, Missouri; three children, Joseph LaRue (Margaret) of Stuart, Iowa, Daryl LaRue of Kirksville and Crystal (Tim) Rogers of Kirksville; 13 grandchildren; his mother, Fonda Fountain of Kirksville; a brother, Don Johnson of Albia, Iowa; and a sister, Becky Conn of Centerville.

He was preceded in death by his father; a sister, Renee Downs; and a brother, Rick Downs; 2 step fathers, Charles Johnson and Enos Fountain.

A Celebration of Life Service will be held at 2PM Thursday, March 27, 2014 at the Lange Funeral Home & Crematory, Centerville, Iowa with Becky Conn officiating. A visitation will be from 1-2 PM Thursday before the service. A memorial has been established to the family and may be left at the Lange Funeral Home & Crematory. Condolences may be left at [www.langefh.com](http://www.langefh.com)

### Visitation

March 27, 2014 1:00 PM to 2:00 PM

Lange Funeral Home 1900 S. 18th St. Centerville, IA (641) 856-2000

Celebration of Life



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**Thomas Funeral Home** posted:

October 21 at 2:32 PM



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October 13 at 2:36 PM



**Anonymous** posted:

God Bless!! Posted by Kenny Hogg - Sanibel Island, FL - Friends March 26, 2014

January 4 at 7:00 PM



**Anonymous** posted:

Sure Was Sorry And Saddened To Hear Of Bills Passing, He Was The Kind of Guy That Loved Everyone. He Would Give Someone Something Wither He Had it to Give Or Not! Bill U Can Now rest With The Angels That Have paved The Road Before You! God Bless The Family In This Time Of Sorrow And Sadness, Just Hold Tight To The Wonderful memories And The Beautiful Adventures.. Love ya Wanda And Kids.. God Bless You All! Kenny Hogg AKA Boss Hogg .. Bill Would Call me This ) Posted by Kenny (BOSS) Hogg - Sanibel Island, FL - Friends March 26, 2014

January 4 at 7:00 PM



**Anonymous** posted:

You will be missed Posted by Becky Conn - Centerville, IA - Sister March 26, 2014

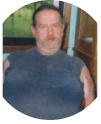
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**Anonymous** posted:

My dad was a huge inspiration to me. No matter how he felt he always did the best he could to make someone smile. Even if he didn't feel like smiling he made us smile.Dad you will never be forgotten nor will all of the the amazing memories that we share. I love ya dad Posted by crystal rogers - kirksville, MO - daughter March 25, 2014

January 4 at 7:00 PM



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**Anonymous** posted:

We new Bill a lot of years and he always made us laugh. He was a very loving and giving person. He always used to tease me about coming to Alaska. He'd say nice and warm up here. We were really glad when they finally came back home . Sis I'm so sorry he had to go but at least he's home. Will miss him dearly and love you both always. Remember the love never leaves! Posted by Sheryl and Val Vincent - Fort Madison, IA - brother in law and sister in law March 25, 2014

January 4 at 7:00 PM



**Anonymous** posted:

Wanda & family, I had known Bill since I was around 15 & he was 19. He knew what the meaning of a friend was. He was there thru good & bad times. He was always there when I needed his friendship & he was always understanding. He once said on facebook that I was one of his best friends & he was one of mine. I'll miss his laugh (even though I will never forget it). I will truly miss my friend. Diane Posted by Diane Partin - friend March 24, 2014

January 4 at 7:00 PM



## Media

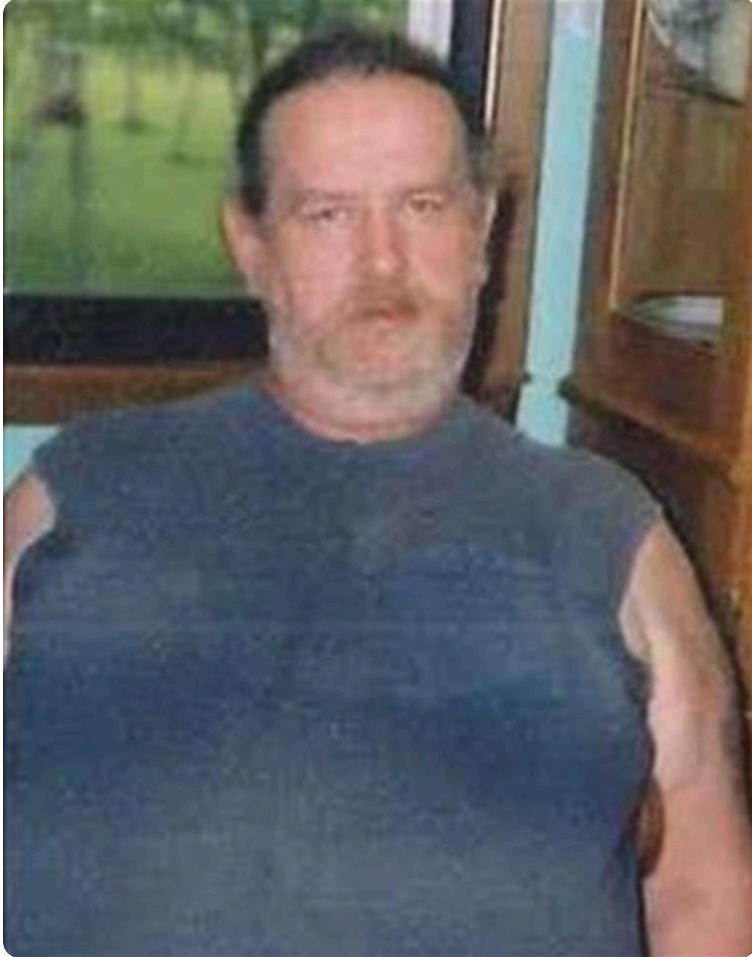
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