



Destination Elevation

Bill dedicated his life to helping people find a better path forward. He believed, deep in his soul, that no matter how far off course life may take you, it is never too late to choose a better destination.

Bill's passion shone brightly through his work with Destination Elevation. He dreamed of seeing it grow nationwide, reaching people from all walks of life; especially youth and those afflicted by addiction and mental illness. He envisioned himself on big stages across the country, sharing his experience, strength, and hope with anyone who needed to hear that change is possible.

We extend our deepest gratitude to everyone who has been part of Destination Elevation—your support, dedication, and shared vision meant the world to Bill. You were not just part of an organization; you were part of his mission and his heart.

Bill's legacy is one of transformation, second chances, and the unshakable belief that no one is ever too lost to be found. We will carry his vision forward, and invite you to do the same. By visiting www.thedestinationelevation.org, you can join in the mission that meant so much to him—helping to change the world, one life at a time, just as Bill did.



WEIGEL
Funeral and Cremation Service

 **Buehler-Larson**
Funeral and Cremation Service

In loving memory of



**WILLIAM
"BILL"
SCHNEIDER**

NOVEMBER 13, 1981 — AUGUST 7, 2025

William “Bill” Joseph Schneider, 43, of Mandan, ND, passed away August 7, 2025 surrounded by love.

Bill was born November 13, 1981 in Bismarck, ND to Steve and Mary (Anderson) Schneider. He grew up in Bismarck and graduated from Bismarck High School in 2000.

He began his heavy haul career alongside his father, Steve Schneider, truly learning from the best. He was employed with J & S Heavy Haul and most recently at Barnhart Crane & Rigging, where he formed close friendships with his coworkers. Outside of work, Bill had a passion for motorcycle riding, fishing, exercising, and lending a helping hand to anyone in need.

Bill’s heart for others led him to Destination Elevation, where he served as Executive Director, mentoring youth and adults to overcome adversity and make choices that paved the way for brighter futures.

He was known for his love of connection, often calling friends and family just to chat, share a laugh, offer a prayer, or ask if he could pray for them. A natural entertainer, Bill was famous for sending videos of himself karaoke-style, singing his favorite songs from behind the wheel of his semi. Whether through laughter, prayer, or his signature move..blowing the air horn, Bill made sure you knew you mattered to him.

Bill was a devoted father to his children, Zoey and Samuel, who were the very center of his world...his absolute pride and joy. Everything he did, he did with them in mind.

Recently, Bill completed a book chronicling his life’s journey, a testament to his resilience, humor, and faith. His quick wit, unforgettable stories, and way of making everyone feel seen will be deeply missed.

Bill is survived by his children, Zoey and Samuel Schneider; his parents, Steve (Malinda) Schneider of Mandan, ND, and Mary (Robert) Gronek of Wilton, ND; sisters, Amy (Mark) Roberts and Jessica Schneider (Ed Kinvig), both of Bismarck, ND; niece, Lexie (Blake) Schepp; numerous aunts, uncles, and cousins; his Barnhart Crane & Rigging family; and his beloved cat, Oakley (“Grandpa’s boy”).

He was preceded in death by his grandparents Art and Ruth Anderson, Matt and Agatha Schneider; and dear friends Ryan Werner, Derek “Cheech” Vollmuth, and Wayne Lang.

Bill leaves behind a legacy of love, laughter, and faith—one that will continue to inspire all who were blessed to know him.

We welcome any friends and family who share Bill’s love for motorcycles, to ride along with us in procession to St. Mary’s Cemetery following the memorial service.

His family would like to offer special thanks to Pastor Jon and the crew at Barnhart Crane & Rigging. Also, to all friends and family that prayed, brought food, texts, phone calls, visits and sharing their memories of Bill with us lifting our spirits during our time of sorrow.

Celebration of Life Service

Wednesday, August 20, 2025 ~ 10:00 AM
Engage Church, Mandan, ND

Officiant

Pastor Jonathan Hauser

Welcome & Opening Prayer

Scripture Reading

Psalms 34:18

Psalms 147:3

Isaiah 61:1-2

Obituary Reading

Scripture Reading

Revelations 21:3-5

Song

“I Can Only Imagine”

Reading

Jesus Calling

Pastoral Message

Song

“Why Me, Lord”

Video

Closing Song

Honorary Urn Bearers

Aimee Maxon, Clayton Maier, Brenton Hartlieb, Andra Erickson,
Dustin Eastgate, Dana Allen, Morgan Turner, Mark Kemmet, Steve Skiple,
John Hauser, Lee Vaivai, Orlin PerDue, Vicki Timm, Mitchell Rucker,
Steve Throlson, Tabitha Lelm, Brad Maier,
and many others who held a special place in Bill’s heart

Graveside Service

St. Mary’s Cemetery
Bismarck, ND

*In lieu of having a reception today, Destination Elevation is having a community fun day at the Dakota Zoo (admission is free) from 11am to 5pm this Saturday, August 23rd. You are invited to gather at **1pm** at the pavilion at Dakota Zoo to socialize and celebrate Bill’s life, influence, and vision.*
