

William Woodrow "Bill" Laws, age 83, of Valley City, ND, passed away on September 23, 2025.

Bill was born in the Bronx, New York on December 19th, 1941 to William and Bernice (Rotella) Laws. His early education took him from PS32 in New York City to Oakhurst Elementary in Charlotte, NC, then to St. Leo's Military Academy in Belmont, NC, O'Donaghue Catholic School in Charlotte, Aquinas in Raleigh, Millbrook High School, and finally back to Aquinas High School. He grew up closely with his sister Sally, sharing a bond during their early years, and in 1953 they were joined by their younger brother Richard, completing the trio that would carry on the Laws family legacy. Before graduating, Bill enlisted in the United States Air Force in 1960, where he completed his high school degree and was stationed in Korea as a Radio Mechanic in the Armament & Electronics Maintenance Squadron of the 70th Combat Support Group.

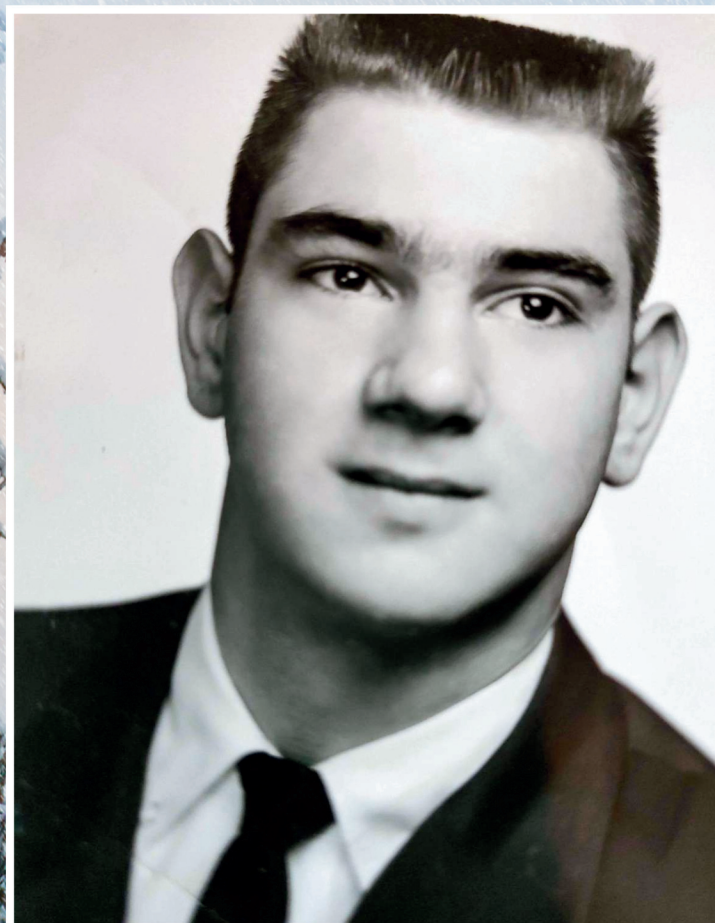
After his service, Bill briefly pursued studies at the Jesuit seminary in Notre Dame, Indiana, before joining the Peace Corps. He later enrolled at North Carolina State University, where he earned a degree in landscape design. Bill went on to become a certified Master Mechanic, a career well-suited to his natural gifts. Known for his extraordinary ear, Bill could diagnose a motor's troubles simply by listening.

Music was another of Bill's many talents. With no formal instruction, he could pick up nearly any instrument and play it beautifully. His creativity and sharp mind carried through every part of his life, from fixing cars to making music, and his presence will be remembered with deep admiration.

Bill is survived by his daughter Beth and her children, Aaron (16) and Aurora (7); his sister Sally; his brother Richard; and many nieces and nephews.



IN LOVING MEMORY OF



WILLIAM WOODROW LAWS JR.

DECEMBER 19, 1941 - SEPTEMBER 23, 2025

SERENITY PRAYER

GOD GRANT ME THE SERENITY
TO ACCEPT THE THINGS I CANNOT CHANGE;
COURAGE TO CHANGE THE THINGS I CAN;
AND WISDOM TO KNOW THE DIFFERENCE.

LIVING ONE DAY AT A TIME;
ENJOYING ONE MOMENT AT A TIME;
ACCEPTING HARDSHIPS AS THE
PATHWAY TO PEACE;
TAKING, AS HE DID, THIS SINFUL WORLD
AS IT IS, NOT AS I WOULD HAVE IT;
TRUSTING THAT HE WILL MAKE ALL THINGS RIGHT
IF I SURRENDER TO HIS WILL;
THAT I MAY BE REASONABLY HAPPY IN THIS LIFE
AND SUPREMELY HAPPY WITH HIM
FOREVER IN THE NEXT.

AMEN.



REMEMBERING

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Funeral Service

Monday, September 29, 2025 at 11:30 AM
Hanson-Runsvold Funeral Home
Fargo, North Dakota

Officiant

Deacon Stuart Longtin

Special Music

Processional Song - *"Don't it Make My Brown Eyes Blue"*
by Crystal Gail

Recessional - *"When the Saints go Marching In"*
by Louis Armstrong and Orchestra

Congregational Hymn

Marlys Herring - Pianist
"Amazing Grace" BB #424

Pallbearers

Richard Laws - Aaron Hilbrand
Daniel Crompton - Pedro Kim

Burial

1:00 PM at Fargo National Cemetery
Harwood, North Dakota

Reception to follow the burial at Spaghetti Western
by invitation only.
524 N Broadway Dr, Fargo, ND 58102