



William James Dickey

November 8, 1936 - December 5, 2025

William James Dickey, born on November 8th, 1936, and lovingly known as Bill, passed away on December 5th, 2025. A graduate of Centennial High School, that's where Bill's passion began, in his automotive class and leading him to a lifelong career in that industry. He co-founded G&D Paint and Body with his father-in-law, which later became Smokey's Paint and Body Shop. He was also one of the founding members of Pueblo Motorsports Park (PMP) where he spent many years and became well known in the community. In fact, there is even a street named in his honor entering the park, symbolizing his lasting impact. Later, he also ventured into excavating with his company Smokey's PBX.

Bill deeply cherished his lifelong friendships, and his regular lunches with friends were a highlight of his life. Those gatherings were a testament to how much he valued the connections and memories he shared with those closest to him.

He leaves behind three daughters: Linda (Rod) Ausmus, Lorrie (Randy) Kochis, and Lynette Carson. Nancy (Barry Freeman), who was a cherished part of Bill's life, was like a daughter to him and held a very special place in his heart. Bill also leaves behind eight grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren, all of whom carry forward his legacy and love.

A celebration of life will be held at a later date to honor and remember Bill's remarkable journey.

Tribute Wall

DB

“ a friend, sad of his passing, was the best man at my first wedding, he will be missed.

Dominick [butch] Bucciarelli - May 20 at 08:15 PM

RV

“ I worked for Bill at smokies pbx excavating..loved working for him... he's the best boss I ever had..I new bill for a long time..sad to see he left us..RIP Bill 🥹Prayers for you & your family 🙏🙏🙏

Ron vigil - January 13 at 09:36 PM

TE

“ I meet Bill through my dad in the late 70's as Bill was one of the 15 original board members for the newly created Pueblo Motorsports Park. Bill was instrumental in making PMP what it is today. His dedication, compassion, hard work, generosity and integrity was just a few traits Bill was known for as well as his auto body business where Bill's skills and knowledge were second to none. I got to know Bill shortly after graduating from Centennial High School when I had recently joined the United States Air Force. Being a huge fan of drag racing I would take leave every end of May to come back to Pueblo to attend the NHRA Division Five Championship event held at PMP along with several of my veteran friends. Bill found this out talking with my dad and he started a tradition of giving myself and several of my veteran friends free pit passes for several years for this event. Bill was a very generous person to many people and customers over the years. He was an amazing automotive painter, body repair and fabricator and truly a legend in Pueblo. My condolences go out to Bill's wonderful daughters, family and friends. May God bless each and everyone of you.

Todd Ehardt

Todd Ehardt - December 23, 2025 at 01:16 PM

JP

“ To the Dickey Family,
Bill Dickey was a great person.
He was a good friend to the Patti family. He
fixed many a vehicle for our family.
He was at Patti's almost daily back in the day.
He loved the superbowl parties.
He will be missed
May wonderful memories comfort you.
May God Bless you all at this most difficult time.
Judy Patti and Family



Judy Patti - December 16, 2025 at 05:34 PM

LS

“ Mr. Dickey, thank you for being so kind and sweet to my father as
your roommate. You did so much for him. I hope you know in your
heart how much we appreciate you. I miss seeing you when I see
dad. God bless you.

love,
Santistevan family

LORI A. SANTISTEVAN - December 12, 2025 at 02:37 PM

BG

“ Take only thing that Bill always rmembered about me was that I
threw can of Pepsi at him on bus bound for Denver about 50 years
ago. He never let me forget that I did that. Ron and I always loved
him. He was an awesome friend and helped whenever we needed
anything. Betty Golden

Betty L Golden - December 09, 2025 at 03:45 PM

JG

Bill did the repair to my '67 Mustang years ago. Bill's shop was the only one I fully trusted. Still have the car after 55 years. He was a great customer and patron of the, Joker Drive In on Elizabeth St. back in the day. Gonna miss this fine gentleman! A pleasure knowing you, Bill

John Grove - December 10, 2025 at 08:26 PM