

William E. Githens, Jr., 86, of Sheridan, went to his eternal home on Friday, May 23, 2014. He was born on May 12, 1928, in Douglas, WY to William Edward and Velma Fisher Githens. He grew up on the family homestead north of Douglas, attended schools in Douglas and graduated from High School in Waxahachie, TX, where he met and married Margaret Miles in 1948. They returned to Wyoming and raised three children.

Bill worked for his father operating heavy equipment and later for several other companies doing road construction. In December 1974, he went to work for Decker Coal and operated scrapers, dozers, and dirt loader. In 1977, he was promoted to foreman of a scraper crew and then a dragline crew. In 1978, he transferred to the training department as an operator instructor. He then returned to being a crew foreman until he retired in 1990. During retirement, he enjoyed working on his mini ranch on Meade Creek until moving back to town in 1997.

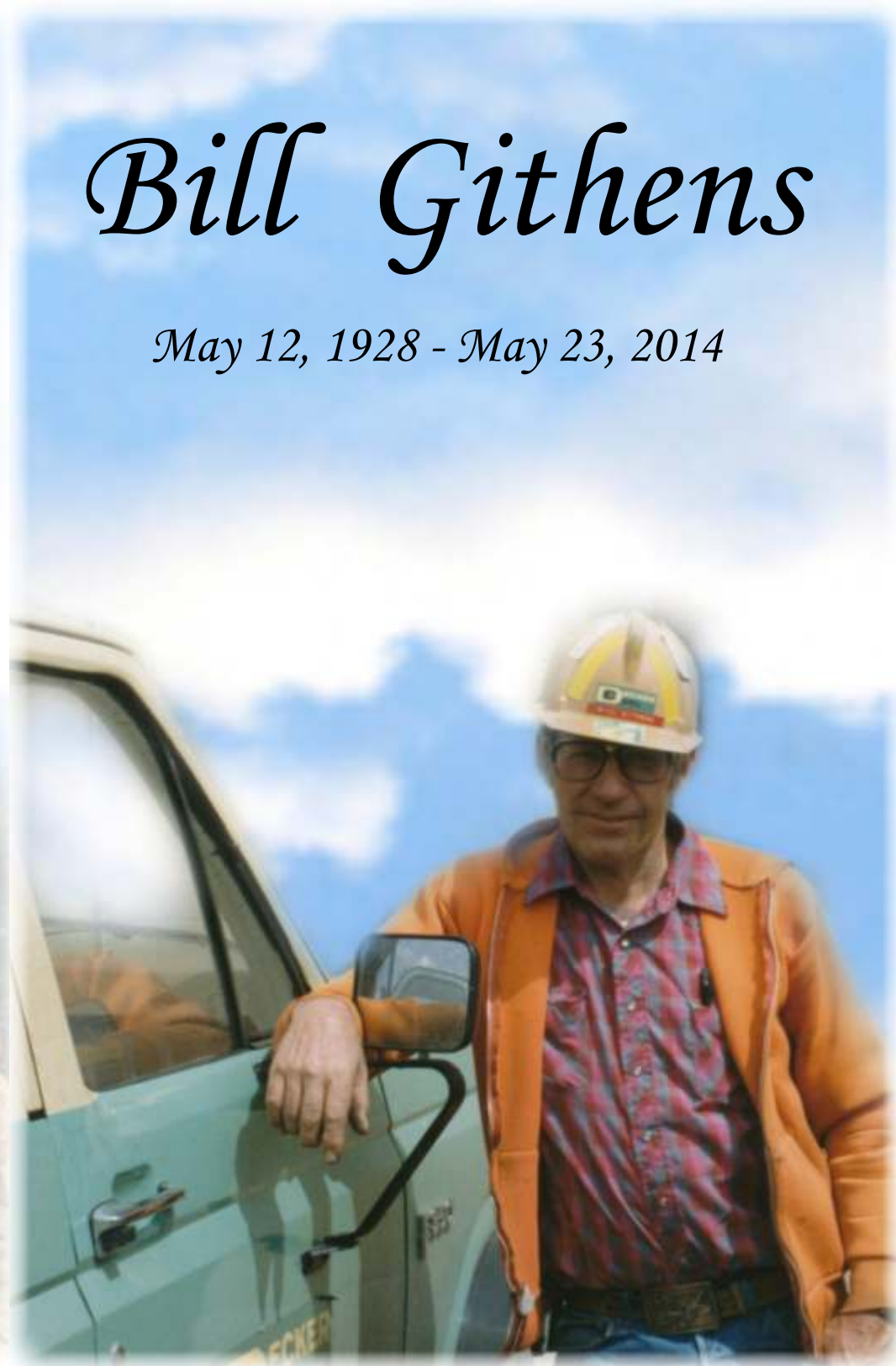
In 1986 he married Karen Sessions and they enjoyed traveling, especially their six week trip to Alaska in 1999. They spent four summers managing campgrounds in the Big Horn Mountains. He helped deliver meals for the Sheridan Senior Center for 16 years.

Bill is survived by his wife, Karen, one son, David (Sue) of Sheridan, two daughters, Synthia (Ray) Cooley of Gillette, Linda (Ted) Cecil of Las Vegas, seven grandchildren, seven great-grandchildren and one great-great-granddaughter, two stepdaughters, Sonya (Tony) Thorpe and Brenda Cross of Sheridan, two step grandsons and one step great-grandson, one brother, J.R. (Dottie) Githens of CA, several nieces, nephews and cousins.

Bill was a quiet, kind and gentle man and had a deep love for God and his family. He was a member of Family Life Center.

Bill Githens

May 12, 1928 - May 23, 2014



One of Bill's favorite Bible verses:

*Forgetting what is behind and
straining toward what is ahead, I
press on toward the goal to win the
prize for which God has called me
heavenward in Christ Jesus.*

Philippians 3:13-14

*He fought the good fight,
He finished the race,
He kept the faith.*

In Loving Memory of

William E. Githens, Jr.

DATE OF BIRTH

May 12, 1928

Douglas, Wyoming

DATE OF DEATH

May 23, 2014

Sheridan, Wyoming

CELEBRATION OF LIFE

Thursday, May 29, 2014, at 10:00 am

Kane Funeral Home

OFFICIATING

David Githens

MUSIC

What A Day That Will Be

Knowing What I Know About Heaven

A reception will follow in the Kane Reception Hall.

Memorials to honor Bill may be sent to

Sheridan Senior Center

200 Smith Street

Sheridan, WY 82801