



William D. "Bill" Avey, 78, of Lincoln, died Saturday, 12/12/2015 after a three year battle with cancer. Born to Donald and Blanche (Gallagher) Avey. Retired Nebraska Air Guard, aircraft maintenance superintendent (CMS), 39 years and was deployed several times during his career.

HVAC instructor at SCC Lincoln for 18 years. He was owner of Avey's "HVAC".As a youth, Bill loved the farm and all the great experiences to be found. He graduated from Lincoln High School in 1955, and attended the University of Nebraska. He joined the Nebraska Air Guard and started a very rewarding career.

He married Margaret Mueller in 1960. He enjoyed both water and snow skiing and became quite accomplished at both. He competed in many marathons and road races. Bill loved being creative and working with his hands. He built and raced many mini sprint cars.

He was always ready to help others. He was a friend of Bill W. He was a member of Cornhusker Ski Club and Independence Center Alumni Association.

Survivors: wife, Margaret; daughter, Susanne (Terry) Califf of Lincoln; granddaughter, Yelena Califf of Lincoln; sister-in-law, Twila Avey of Lincoln; special friends to Bill & Margaret, Patricia & Jerry Frain of Lincoln. Preceded in death by his son, Michael, parents, and brother, Robert.

Mass of Christian Burial: 10:30 a.m. Wednesday, 12/16, at St. John's Catholic Church, 7601 Vine Street with Father Lyle Johnson. Rosary: 7 p.m. Tuesday at Butherus, Maser & Love Funeral Home, 4040 A Street. Burial: Calvary Cemetery. Visitation after 9 a.m. Monday at the funeral home. Memorials to church, Independence Alumni Association, or St. Elizabeth Hospice.