

William J. "Bill" Plante, Jr. was born August 1, 1970, a son of William J. Plante, Sr. and Susan Butkovich in Calumet, Michigan. He was raised and educated in Calumet and graduated from Calumet High School in 1988.

Bill enlisted in the United States Air Force on September 1, 1988. He married Merry Braun May 3, 1991, in Tawas City, Michigan. They were stationed at Wurt Smith, MI, for a couple of years, before being transferred to Plattsburg, NY. They were later stationed at Hill Air Force Base in Utah. In 2002, they were stationed at the Minot Air Force Base and have resided here since. He was an Air Crew Life Support Craftsman until ill health forced him to take a medical leave of absence in December of 2007.

Those Who Shared In His Life: wife, Merry, Minot; sons, Christopher and Bradley Plante, Minot; father, William (Nancy) Plante, Sr., Houghton, MI; mother, Susan (Don) Timonen, Allover, MI; brother, Steven (Angela) Plante, Yelm, WA; sisters, Michelle (Steve) Odell, Calumet, MI; Brianne Plante, Allouz, MI; paternal grandfather, Omer Plante; maternal grandmother, Bernice Butkovich and several aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews, cousins, brothers-in-law and sisters-in-law.

Bill was preceded in death by his maternal grandfather, Albert; paternal grandmother, Elizabeth, father-in-law, Melvin Braun.

*In Loving Memory
of
William "Bill" J. Plante Jr.*

August 1, 1970, Calumet, Michigan
October 17, 2008, Minot, North Dakota

Memorial Service

Thursday, October 23, 2008, 3 p.m.
Northern Lights Chapel
Minot Air Force Base, ND

Officiant

Monsignor Joseph Senger

Music

Special CD selections

Honorary Bearers

Members of the Minot Air Force Base Honor Guard

Final Resting Place

A private burial will take place at a later time

Military Honors accorded by the Minot Air Force Base Honor Guard

The Plante family would like to thank everyone for the many acts of kindness shown to them during this difficult time. Your thoughts and prayers are greatly appreciated and will never be forgotten. May God bless the memory of Bill.

Thompson-Larson Funeral Home, Minot