

## K. Bill Tiley

April 16, 1927 - March 19, 2017

K. Bill Tiley passed away on March 19, 2017. He was born on April 16, 1927 in Fort Collins of Mae and Louis Tiley. He attended school in Fort Collins and graduated from Fort Collins High in 1945. FCHS won the state basketball championship in 1944 and 1945. Bill started every game sophomore through senior year. His picture still hangs in the hallway at FCHS. Bill was very proud that he and all 7 of his children graduated from FCHS. He was very excited to watch his grandson, Sam who will be graduating from FCHS next year where he plays varsity basketball.

Bill enlisted in the Navy following his senior year in high school. He was stationed at Coronado Island, San Diego.

He attended college at CSU, CU, and graduated from the University of Denver in Business and Finance. He was a member of Sigma Alpha Epsilon fraternity.

He married Ruth Ilse, in 1948 and they had four children Rich, Randy, Linda and Bill. Divorced in 1961, they remained friends through their later years.

After graduation from University of Denver he was the manager of Sherwin Williams before he began his long career in real estate development. Working on postwar subdivisions in the beginning with his parents Mae and Harley Tiley and Developer Bob Everitt.

Bill was co-developer of South College Heights, University Acres, Thunderbird Estates, the Lemay Medical Building, the Century Mall which included the first McDonald's franchise, the Moot House, and developments surrounding Collindale and Southridge Golf Courses.

In 1957 CSU decided to move the agronomy farm from its location between Stover and the hospital road. Bill and his mother Mae Tiley won the bid and partnered with Bob Everitt on University Acres naming the streets after former CSU presidents as well as an early agronomy professor at the college. Bob Everitt and Bill Tiley renamed Hospital Road "LeMae" after Everitt's father Les and Tiley's mother, Mae. The street name was, however, mislabeled Lemay.

In 1975 he married Claudette Krebsbach and adopted her three children Jeff, Michelle, and Michael.

Bill Tiley and his family currently own and manage three Ft. Collins Dairy Queens. It's truly a family affair.

Always a huge sport enthusiast Bill played in numerous golf tournaments over the years, enjoyed attending CSU Basketball and Football games, also going to FCHS and watching the basketball games.

He is or has been a member of Elks Club, Fort Collins Country Club, Greeley Country Club, Ptarmigan Country Club, Ram's Horn and Former Athletics Association at CSU.

In 2009, he went to Washington DC on an honor flight for Veterans.

He is survived by his beloved wife of 41 years, Claudette A. Tiley; his seven children: Jeffrey Tiley, Michelle Chavez (Pete), Michael Tiley, Rich Tiley

(Cyndy), Randy Tiley (Janel), Linda Stark (Alan), and William Tiley and ten grandchildren.

If you would like to make a contribution in Bill's memory please donate to the FCHS Basketball program in care of Bohlender Funeral Chapel, 121 W. Olive, Fort Collins, Colorado 80524. Friends may send condolences to the family at [bohlenderfuneralchapel.com](http://bohlenderfuneralchapel.com).

A Memorial Service will be held at 1:00 p.m. on Wednesday, March 29 at Timberline Church, South Auditorium, 2908 S. Timberline Rd.

# Previous Events

## Memorial Service

MAR **29**. 1:00 PM (MT)

Timberline Church  
2908 Timberline Rd. Fort Collins, CO US 80525  
Fort Collins, CO 80525

# Tribute Wall

CM

“ To the Tiley Family,  
I wanted to send my sincerest condolences to whole family, and know that you all will be in my thoughts and prayers as you celebrate Bill's life and so many wonderful memories.  
Craig Modellmog

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**Craig Modellmog** - March 29, 2017 at 05:04 PM

GO

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with the family. He will be missed by family and friends. We have enjoyed our friendship and our business dealings with Bill. Albert, Carolyn and Jane Goodwin.

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**Goodwins** - March 29, 2017 at 04:30 PM

RB

“ I am sorry to hear about K. Bill. He loved my Dad, I.K. Boltz and shared many memories when he was a Freshman at FCHS when my Dad was Principle in 1941.. He shared many stories from his high school days and always treated me with the utmost respect. He will be missed by all. I am unable to attend the memorial however my thoughts and prayers are with the Tiley family at this time.

*Roger Boltz*

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**Roger Boltz** - March 28, 2017 at 01:04 PM

EL

“ Dear Tiley family,

*We were saddened by the news of Bill's passing. He and our father, AJ "Tony" Kawulok were both developers in the day. Bill was of course much more prominent, but he and our father spent many times together "plotting" the future of Fort Collins. Dad built the Thunderbird Motel which has since been replaced near the corner of Drake and College Avenue. He also was a partner in B & M Roofing.*

*There are few men today who have you'r dad's foresight and pure guts to go forth and accomplish something. He always had a smile and a story for everyone he met.He will be missed.*

*K Venture Properties  
descendants of Tony Kawulok, Western Construction and B & M Roofing.*

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**Eva Kawulok Lieser** - March 27, 2017 at 02:07 PM

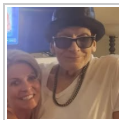


“ Michelle Chavez lit a candle in memory of K. Bill Tiley



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**Michelle Chavez** - March 26, 2017 at 07:51 PM



*From mom (Claudette) To the love of my life, until we meet again! ❤️*  
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**Michelle Chavez** - March 26, 2017 at 07:54 PM

KL

*Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family during this difficult time. Hold on to the beautiful memories.*

**Kris Lovell** - March 27, 2017 at 06:10 PM

TO

*“ K Bill was a great man and loved Ft Collins like no other. he always had a word for everyone. his love for CSU was unwavering. He symbolized FTC. There should be a statue of him at the entry to FTC and CSU. You will be missed my friend.*

*Tom Smith*

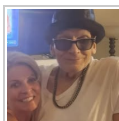
**tom** - March 26, 2017 at 06:36 AM



*“ Michelle Chavez lit a candle in memory of K. Bill Tiley*



**Michelle Chavez** - March 25, 2017 at 10:32 PM



*Going to miss him so much! I Thank him for beinging him and for helping me be who I am! Such an inspirational person!*

**Michelle Chavez** - March 25, 2017 at 10:39 PM

RB

*Sorry to hear the news, but the obituary brought to mind Randy and Leif, guys we haven't seen in a long time! Best wishes to all of you.*

**rose brinks** - March 26, 2017 at 10:31 AM

JM

*Michelle,  
My sincere condolences to you and your family. I was fond of your dad;  
he was a good man. I am very sorry for your loss.*

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**Judy Munoz** - March 27, 2017 at 08:32 AM

LP

*K Bill was a super man....always smiling and so kind. I will miss him.  
Prayers and love to your family...a special hug to Ruth and Linda. xoxo*

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**Linda Lou Potter** - March 28, 2017 at 10:36 AM

SD

*Michelle, Condolences to you and your family. Always loved running  
into your dad at DQ meetings and conferences. He made me laugh on  
many occasions. A great man who will be missed a lot. Steve Doty*

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**Steve Doty** - March 28, 2017 at 08:04 PM