



William "Bill" Wayne Rumley

October 27, 1943 - May 20, 2017

William "Bill" Wayne Rumley passed away peacefully on Saturday, May 20, 2017 at the age of 73.

He was born in Fort Collins, Colorado on October 27, 1943 to Marion and Leona Rumley. He had three brothers Jack (Helen), Bert (Vickie) and Bud Rumley. He was truly one of the greatest people we knew. He could light up the room like a Rockstar. He never met a stranger and he won the hearts of everyone, with his corky jokes and great sense of humor. His purpose in life was making people laugh and what a quality that is to share. He graduated from Fort Collins High School in 1962. He met the love of his life Roberta Yockey at his brother, Jack and her sister, Helen's wedding in 1958. They were then married on June 14, 1964 in Fort Collins. Bill was a salesman at Briarwood Furniture. He was such a great salesman he could "sell sunshine to a snowman". He then become an arborist for Kincaid Tree Surgery, where he retired after 29 years. He then became a stay-at-home great grandpa to his buddy, Carlos. He belonged to the Moose Lodge #275 for 38 years

Bill is survived by his loving wife, Roberta "Bert" of 53 years; his daughters, Shona (Chris) Wyman and Karen (Anthony) Jimenez; his granddaughter, Kelsey Jimenez-Lopez (Wilberth); three grandsons, Brandyn Rader, Christopher Wyman, and Zach Rader; three great-grandchildren, Carlos Jimenez, Mauricio Lopez, and Bonita Lopez; his "best pal" dog, Joey, and many other precious family and friends.

A Celebration of Life will be held from 2:00 – 4:00 p.m. on Sunday, July 30, 2017 at the Elks Lodge, 1424 E Mulberry St.. In lieu of flowers, send your best jokes and stories to the family, to be read at the celebration. He will be greatly missed by all who knew him.

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

JUL **30**. 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM (MT)

Elks Lodge
1424 E. Mulberry St.
Fort Collins, CO

Tribute Wall

KE

“ *Miss you so much =(*

Kelsey - May 20, 2019 at 12:44 PM

CH

“ *Some of my earliest memories involve being a kid and just laughing at the stories and jokes my Uncle Bill told. He liked to make people laugh. I think I made him laugh too on occasion. He also had a warm smile and a gleam to his eyes that I am sure was passed down from his Dad, my Grandpa Marion Rumley, who Bill loved dearly. My Uncle was a hard worker and loved his wife and daughters, and grandkids. My family and I so enjoyed our visits when we could stop by for a few hours whenever we were in Colorado these last few years. It was always good to see you Uncle Bill and to reconnect my family with another Rumley. Miss you and love you. Chris, Laurie, Brock, Soren, and Aubrey.*


chris - July 30, 2017 at 09:47 AM

WF

“ *I miss you Uncle Bill. Hope you are having a great time in heaven with Poppy and Uncle Bud. :)*



Whitney Ferris - July 25, 2017 at 11:48 AM

 Kelsey Lopez

“ *Kelsey Lopez lit a candle in memory of William "Bill" Wayne Rumley*



Kelsey Lopez - July 25, 2017 at 11:44 AM

LB

“ *Bert and Family;*
I'm so sorry to hear about Bill's passing. He had such a sense of humor. I remember the time he came out of the back closet at the Lodge wearing a rag mop on his head. We all laughed so hard and then there was another time we were all at the Greeley lodge and Bill was missing, no one knew where he went..pretty soon he comes back in with a handful of Sunflowers and hands them to me, I counted each one and said wait! there's only 11, off he went and brought back the 12th one. So many good memories we all had, and so many years ago. Bill will really be missed.

Lou Batty and the Batty family

Lou Batty - May 29, 2017 at 11:49 AM

NA

“ *Roberta and family, we are so sad to hear of Bill's passing. Bill was a good one! It was always comforting to know he was just a shout away when you saw him on the back deck! He was the best "backyard neighbor" ever.*

We were very fortunate to have known you. Based on all the memories from other neighbors, Bill, your kindness, gentleness, and generosity has left quite a dent in our neighborhood.

Bob loves telling the stories of you and him taking Henry and Kelsey trick or treating back in the day...

Take care dear family, we love you!

Nancee, Bob, and Henry

nancee - May 24, 2017 at 04:30 PM

AP

“ *I have many fun memories of Bill at the Moose Lodge!! Always making everyone laugh. My deepest sympathies to his family.*



Angela Paschall - May 24, 2017 at 01:28 PM

KS

“ *Dear Bert and Family,*

We are saddened by your loss, Bill was a wonderful man. I will always remember his laughter and warm loving way. You are in our prayers,

Allan and Kelli Jo Stadlman

Kelli Jo Stadlman - May 23, 2017 at 04:50 PM

SS

“ Bert, I miss seeing you and other co-workers since retirement three years ago. I remember meeting Bill so many years ago at the lodge and I am very sad to learn of his passing. My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family.

Steve Stabler - May 23, 2017 at 02:29 PM

BH

“ I remember Bill from the Moose Lodge many years ago, he was always very friendly to us! So sorry to hear he has passed away, my thought's & prayer's go out to the family.

Belva Houston - May 23, 2017 at 11:19 AM

SD

“ Bert and Family - Scott and I are so very sorry for your loss. We will always treasure the great memories that were made at the Moose Lodge. Bill will forever be in our heart.

Shelly and Scott Denison

Shelly Denison - May 23, 2017 at 09:41 AM

BS

“ I remember the first time I met you. It was at a christmas celebration at my parents house and I was so astounded at how wonderful it was having you and Bert there and so enjoyed your company and then to find out Bert and I work in the same place. What a joy. you were a wonderful person and I will always remember you as a caring individual. Barbara Swanson


Barbara Swanson - May 23, 2017 at 01:04 AM

JW

“ I don't think I had the pleasure of meeting you sounds like you was a very AMAZING man so very sorry for your loss to all the family and friends. I was and still am married to Walter W Wright even though he is in heaven as well. Sending Good Thoughts To All 🙏



Julie Wright - May 22, 2017 at 08:06 PM

 Kelsey Lopez

“ We loved him. He was awesome. He was the best grandpa in the world. Let us all bless him and his friend Joey bless him. Love Carlos.

Kelsey Lopez - May 22, 2017 at 05:21 PM

GJ

“ Sorry for your loss, Bill was such a joker, he will be missed

Glen Tucker Jr. - May 22, 2017 at 03:21 PM

LL

“ Bert, Shona, Karen:


We are so sorry for you great loss. Bill was one of a kind person, so very helpful and most of all had a big heart. Fortunate for us, we had personality had a connections with your family with my mom being his cousin, and us being so close to his mother.

The most vivid memories of Bill was seeing him at the lodge, and his daily visits to the Charcoal Broiler. He was always approachable as even though he was just starting his work day. Another memory was the family times with the Aunts, Uncles and cousins and those weekend outings to the mountains when they were children. Our only wish was that the last time we had visited Fort Collins that we could have spent more time with him.

I know that my mother had spent 73 years of Bill's life getting to know him and all of his wonderful qualities. Which seemed to be endless. As god will comfort and guide you, Bill is now with his mom, dad and his brothers, and he is forever in our hearts. Bill has left his footprint in the town he grew up and made a life with his family, this you can hold close to your heart.

Rest in piece dear Bill - all our love to your family-Geri, Lori and Kelley Long

Lori Long - May 22, 2017 at 11:06 AM

 Kelsey Lopez

“ Kelsey Lopez lit a candle in memory of William "Bill" Wayne Rumley




Kelsey Lopez - May 22, 2017 at 10:37 AM

NJ

“ I will never forget the stories he told me when I was little. Especially my favorite ones about the little lost Indian boy "Falling rock". I still tell people about those anytime I see those signs driving up the canyons and it brings a smile to my face everyone.

Nathan Jimenez - May 22, 2017 at 06:40 AM

 Kelsey Lopez

That was always my favorite story too

Kelsey Lopez - May 22, 2017 at 08:21 AM

NJ

Ya and of course mayonnaise and mustard. I still call Damon mustard

Nathan Jimenez - May 22, 2017 at 11:02 AM

BH

“ Betty Hutcheson lit a candle in memory of Wiliam "Bill" Wayne Rumley



Betty Hutcheson - May 21, 2017 at 09:38 PM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Wiliam "Bill" Wayne Rumley.



May 21, 2017 at 09:25 PM

Kelsey
Lopez

“ I will miss you so much poppy



Kelsey Lopez - May 21, 2017 at 05:43 PM

KE

“ I've know bill and his wonderful family since I was 3or 4. Lived across the street for some time. Wanted so bad to be his and berts daughter. Feeling and seeing the love the family has I wanted to be a part.of it so much. Many years later Karen shona and I grew up had our own families. We got in touch threw .y hair business. Did Carol yockeys hair for years rip carol..i went to bills house to drop something for very. Bill and I talked about my dodge being parked in his driveway.lol.when I told him about my childhood. He said to me he never knew. And if he did He would ha e took me and and raised me as his own . It meant so much to me I cried all the way home. Realizing. For the first time in my life.. I felt the love of family. And Simone cared about me
Thank you all the family. Bill I will always have a special place for you in my heart
You are a.amazing person . I will miss your joke about my dodge
And your kind heart . Rest in peace
Love a found lost little girl cause of your loving words

Kayleen ernst - May 21, 2017 at 05:22 PM

GS

“ Roberta, you and Bill welcome my so. Onto your family almost 30 years ago. I am very sad to here that Bill is go e be he will not be forgotten. He and you are part of the family and it's been hard to see that he will not be here anymore. We loved him. He was an amazing man. My granddaughter and great grandson loved him very much, as I did. Harold and I will miss him. Love Bert, if you need me I here for you sweetie.

Gina and Harold Santistevan - May 21, 2017 at 04:25 PM

TK

Bert- I am so very sorry to hear about Bill. He was the greatest guy ever from day 1 we met 36 yrs ago. I know their was a lot of great times at your house. I will forever remember him for all the grief he use to give me and we would laugh. His pain is gone, his soul is at rest and he will never be forgotten. RIP Bill.
Love and hugs to you Bert.

Teri knowlton - May 21, 2017 at 05:30 PM

LV

“ He was such an ornery cuss when he came into the liquor store. He always bought the little shooters along with his pack of cigarettes telling me that he would be able to sneak those in the house easier so his wife wouldn't catch him. And if his wife is like the rest of us, she already knew. My favorite thing that he ever said was "I'm not prejudice, I hate everybody." I hadn't seen him in a long time and when I did, he was wearing oxygen and he still was in such a great state of mind. He will be truly missed and you don't find people like him with that kind of humor that could always put a smile on your face. May you rest in peace.

Lynda Vigil - May 21, 2017 at 04:19 PM

NL

I will truly miss my Uncle Bill. I have such good memories of him . Just thinking of him brings a smile to my face. He will always be in my heart. I am so grateful to have had him in my life. My love to Aunt Bertie , Shona and Karen , I hope you find comfort in knowing that he made so many smiles ! Love you all. Hugs , love and prayers , Nanci

Nanci Loseke - May 21, 2017 at 05:05 PM

BH

Very sorry to hear about Bill. Bill made me laugh so much and always was kind and cheerful. He was a little stinker but that is what made him funny. I was a bartender at the "Moose" Lodge for approximately 3 years and when he came up to the bar I knew exactly what he wanted and what to do. He was so funny! He thought Bert didn't know but she did. I am so sorry for all your family. He passed on my sons birthday and tomorrow we go and bury my sister, Joanie. It has been a long 4 years for me and I know how you all feel. May God bless you all and we will miss you Bill. RIP

Betty Hutcheson

Betty Hutcheson - May 21, 2017 at 09:36 PM

BU

I moved into Bill's neighborhood when I was in 6th grade. He was always in the yard or working on his car. I got to know Bill and Roberta very well, then soon became my second parents. I enjoyed going over to their house and just hanging out with them. Bill always asked me to go fishing and also took me camping a couple of times. I enjoyed sharing a laugh with Bill as we were always in constant laughter. My parents always knew if I was not home in time, they knew where to find me. They knew I was in good hands with Bill and Bert. My parents also got to know their family and enjoyed their visits. I grew up with both Shona and Karen, although a few years younger than me, I watched them grow up like a big brother. I always thought of myself as the son and brother they did not have. Once he hired me to help move furniture at the furniture store.

After high school, I moved away and did not get to share much time with Bill and Bert. After about 4 years out on my own, I moved back to Fort Collins and went back to college. Bill encouraged me to apply to Kincaid Tree Surgery during the summers I had off and he would put in a good word for me. I was hired the next day. I saw Bill everyday at morning coffee and in the afternoon when the crews came in. During windy or cold days, I was put on his crew to assist. We spent many days at Kincaid remembering my youth, the fishing spots, and me borrowing his motorcycle for my driving test.

I regret not keeping in touch with him and Bert more over the last 10 or so years, but tears came to my eyes when they invited my family to their 50th wedding anniversary. I enjoyed seeing him and Bert and all of their family I grew up with. They got to meet my daughters as well that day. We told stories (good and bad) all afternoon. It was good to catch up with the entire family I grew up with.

It's been about 43 years since I met Bill and Roberta and I can say they made a huge impact on me growing up. I always thought Roberta as a 2nd mother and Bill as a father figure, mentor, and a positive role model to friends, coworkers and his daughters. His smile, jokes, and laugh will always be etched in my memory.

*RIP, my second dad
Bud Lehmkuhler*

Bud - May 21, 2017 at 11:15 PM

HE

I will always love you Willy. We had some really good times together. I know you are with Jack now watching over me and my sissy. You both left big holes in our hearts, that nothing can ever fill. Love Helen

helenrumley - May 22, 2017 at 12:19 AM

JC

Roberta and family, so sorry for your loss. I know well how you feel. Known you for a long time as we all grew up in Wellington. Even though I was younger I knew you because we lived in Wellington and because you went to school with my older brothers and older sister. I didn't really know your husband but he had to be a wonderful kind man because that's how I remember you. Deepest Sympathy to you and your family. God be with you all and look to him for comfort.
Joyce Johnson Case

joyce Johnson Casr - May 22, 2017 at 10:46 PM

RO

My heart is saddened to hear that Bill is gone. My prayers are with you and your family.
We sure enjoyed the times we spent with you two.
Robin & Lou Heimann

robin - May 23, 2017 at 09:10 AM