



## William D. Bartran

November 14, 1933 - August 19, 2010

William Dallas Bartran a pillar in the Fort Collins community passed away August 19th, 2010 in his home surrounded by family. Bill was born on November 14, 1933 in Lyman, Nebraska to the parents of William E. Bartran and Thelma Richardson. Most of his childhood was spent growing up in Grand Lake, Colorado, where he enjoyed earning his title of Eagle Scout. He later moved to Fort Collins where he was a graduate of Fort Collins High School. He was a member of the Colorado Aggies basketball team and a graduate of the Colorado State University. Bill served in the Air force as a navigational pilot prior to beginning his career as a home builder. Following in the footsteps of his father he established a home building business – Bartran Homes Inc. For over 40 years he has created many neighborhoods throughout the Fort Collins, community and was well known for his quality and craftsmanship for the homes he built. He was passionate about creating not just houses but homes families truly loved. Bill also began one of the first sod farms in northern Colorado known as Turf Master Ltd. He was respected throughout the business community and among his sub contractors and customers as a man of integrity, honesty, and a strong work ethic. Bill was very active in the Fort Collins community. He was involved in numerous city committees, charities, an active member of the Northern Colorado Association of Home Builders, served on the United Bank Board of Directors for over 23 years, and was a member of the Fort Collins Elks Lodge. Bill married Nancy J. Weinland in Fort Collins in 1959 and raised four wonderful children together. As active

members of the community they enjoyed social and charity events, traveling, skiing, and camping. In 1993 Bill retired from home building and became a cowboy which was a lifelong dream. The many years he spent on Table Mountain Ranch were some of his happiest times. He loved sharing its beauty with his family and friends. Bill loved to ski, fish, garden, camp, golf, travel, and cherished his close friends, but his greatest pride was in his family. He is survived by his daughters, Cris Silkman of Draper, Utah, LeeAnn Mill of Loveland, Colorado, Michele Mosner of Princeton, New Jersey; and his son, Dan Bartran of Fort Collins, Colorado; 18 grand children, and 4 great grand children. We welcome everyone to his celebration of life service Wednesday, August, 25 2010 at 2:00pm. The service will be held at Timberline Church in Fort Collins. In lieu of flowers charitable contributions can be made to Fort Collins United Way or Habitat for Humanity in his name.

# Tribute Wall

DD

“ Michele, Dan. LeeAnn, Cris, Nancy & Family, Fun memories of time spent with your family often pop up in my head & I was thinking of you last night. I wanted to let Bill know how much he impacted my life - I didn't know of his passing until today. Growing up in Ft Collins, many of my family members and friends lived in Bartran homes/neighborhoods. It wasn't until my friendship with Michele at FCHS that I found out what "Bartran home" meant & the energy, passion & dedication Bill had for each home/homeowner. I'll always remember Bill for his down to earth mannerisms, free spirit, genuine kindness / huge heart and authenticity. He & Nancy unknowingly inspired me to pursue my career in design/architecture/construction. Bill, keep on being a cowboy Best to the Bartran Family always, Dana

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**dana sylvester Dinkel** - July 04, 2013 at 12:00 AM

SM

“ Thank you, Bill, for your graciousness, kindness, and decency. You'll never know how much I appreciated them. Shawn Montaigne

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**Shawn Montaigne** - July 09, 2011 at 12:00 AM

MB

“ Very, very sorry to just be finding out, had I known I would have been there, to those of you who don't know me, your father befriended me when I came to put on a TPI show in 2002. A great, great man!

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**Michael blair** - April 03, 2011 at 12:00 AM

DS

“ Our hearts are with the entire Bartran family. Bill was and is an incredible man! He will be greatly missed.

Dennis Schick - September 01, 2010 at 12:00 AM

WI

“ To the Bartran family--- We regret the passing of Bill. It was in 1966 we moved to Fort Collins and purchased a new Bartran home on Skyline Drive. We appreciated his knowledge and skills for building a quality home. Our community was fortunate to have had such an excellent builder and developer. Our condolence to all of you.

Wayne and Faye Irelan - August 31, 2010 at 12:00 AM

MJ

“ Dan, LeAnn, Cris and Michele Sending my sincere condolences to all. Bill gave me a chance to work on my skills as an architectural designer when he hired me on March 27, 1972. And again in 1992. I will never forget that he taught me everything I know today about the building industry. Marty

Martin Breth, Jr - August 26, 2010 at 12:00 AM

JD

“ Dear Bartran Family: I was saddened by the death of Bill and will never forget the fun we shared and my memories of him being my best friend through junior high and high school. Probably the most memorable event we shared was being a part of the FCHS 1950 state champion football team. Bill played left end and I played right end. They didn't have tight ends and wide receivers in those days. Everyone played both ways; offense and defense. He was a real athlete, particularly excelling in basketball. We lost touch during the last 60 years but that doesn't erase my fond memories of him. Gods blessings. Jim and Carleen Dodson

Jim Dodson - August 25, 2010 at 12:00 AM

RK

“ Dear Bartran family, We are sorry for your loss. We enjoyed working with Bill while building our home. He was a great neighbor and a positive influence in our community. May you be comforted by your memories and God's peace. In our thoughts and prayers, Ray, Rhonda, & Corrie Kaiser

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**Ray,Rhonda, Corrie Kaiser** - August 25, 2010 at 12:00 AM

MP

“ Dan, LeeAnn, Cris and Michele, I am so sorry to hear about your dad. I want you to know you are all in our thoughts and prayers. Mike, Mimi, Ashley and Alec Poppenwimer

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**Mimi Poppenwimer** - August 25, 2010 at 12:00 AM

JH

“ My thoughts and prayers are with your family today.

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**Jamie Hardy** - August 25, 2010 at 12:00 AM

JS

“ I worked for Bill for 8yrs. When I quit to start my own business Bill helped me a lot by telling people to call me to do remodel work. What a great man and friend to all. My Sympathy to all his family.

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**John Wilkens& Sarah Stever** - August 25, 2010 at 12:00 AM

JP

“ Our deepest sympathy to your family. Bill was a quiet, gracious man. Ron and I enjoyed our visit to the ranch with Betty Lou before she passed. My mother June Richardson and her sister Dixie are sorry that they can not attend his service. Our prayers go out to all of you.

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**Judith and Ronald Potter** - August 25, 2010 at 12:00 AM

EC

“ *Cris, I'm so sorry to hear about your dad. I know that he has been battling his cancer. I wish I could have stopped by. Unfortunately I was working out of town. Please know that my thoughts and prayers are with you and your family as well as Leann, Dan, and Michele. If you are in town for a little bit, try to call. I would love to see you. Again, my condolense.....Eddie*

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**eddie campos** - August 25, 2010 at 12:00 AM

BC

“ *Cris and the Bartran Family: Your Dad was a man of achievement. Our sincere Sympathy and thoughts are with you today. Bob and Lana Cates Rucker, of Draper Utah, and Beverly Cates*

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**Beverly Cates** - August 24, 2010 at 12:00 AM

AG

“ *Our thoughts and prayers are with the family.*

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**Albert, Carolyn and Jane Goodwin** - August 23, 2010 at 12:00 AM

DB

“ *To the Bartran Family Nancy and I are so very sorry to hear about Bill. We had dinner about three weeks ago with him and had a great time talking of friends and fishing. He will be missed by many. Dan and Nancy Bailey*

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**Dan and Nancy Bailey** - August 23, 2010 at 12:00 AM

DS

“ We would like to express our sympathies for all of you during this trying time. You will be in our thoughts and prayers. Know that your Dad is still with you and will continue to watch over and be proud of you all. We had such fun on the ranch and have great memories of our time with your Dad and the place he loved so much.

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**David, Eileen, Caleb, and Abigail Smack** - August 23, 2010 at 12:00 AM

RS

“ Dear Bartran Family, We would like to offer our sincere condolences to Bill's family and friends. Words can't adequately communicate what he meant to our community and our industry and he will be sorely missed. You can be proud of the integrity, the standards and the legacy that will live on. Sincerely, Rick Splittgerber and everyone at Splittgerber Construction.

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**Rick Splittgerber** - August 23, 2010 at 12:00 AM

PM

“ Dan our thoughts and Prayers go out to you and your Family. We are sorry for your Loss. Pete Sutherlands Lumber

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**Pete Medina** - August 23, 2010 at 12:00 AM

CH

“ On behalf of all of us here at Fort Collins Habitat for Humanity, I would like to wish my sincere condolences to the family. Bill was a kind and generous man of great character. When I first came as Executive Director at Fort Collins Habitat 10 years ago, Bill was the very first person to call me and tell me he wanted to make a donation--of sod!! Many Habitat homes have beautiful yards thanks to Bill's generosity. He was a great builder and as the obit said, "a pillar in our community." He will be greatly missed.

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**Camdace Mayo, Executive Director, Fort Collins Habitat for Humanity** - August 23, 2010 at 12:00 AM

TF

“ To Michele and the Bill Bartran Family, We, the family of Dennis Mosner, offer our sincerest, heartfelt condolences on the loss of your respected, beloved "Dad." We know from our brief but interesting and stimulating experiences with Bill, and through Michele's total devotion to her dad, that he was truly a person of admirable character, leadership and love for the entire family. We know you will miss him greatly. But, try to focus on your wonderful times together with a dad who loved each of you so much....a truly great man. father and loving grandfather!

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**The Mosner Family** - August 22, 2010 at 12:00 AM

CW

“ Chris, LeeAnn, Dan and Michele, our thoughts & prayers go out to you and your families. We have so many wonderful memories of Bart and you all throughout the years in Fort Collins and Steamboat. Our community has lost a great steward of good will with Bart's passing. Our deepest condolences to the family he leaves behind. God bless you all.

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**Carrie Gillis & Hazel White** - August 21, 2010 at 12:00 AM

NN

“ Nancy, Cris, LeeAnn, Dan, Michelle, and families, I am so very sorry for your loss. Bill was a one-of-a-kind gentleman who will be greatly missed by all who knew him. He was a man of honor, humor, and generosity. He had an enormous impact on my life and I am so blessed to have had the privilege to have known him. He was not only an employer to me, but he was my friend and I will always treasure his memory. My love to all, Nancy Neitzel

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**Nancy Neitzel** - August 21, 2010 at 12:00 AM

DH

“Cris, LeeAnn, Dan and Michele, You have our sincere sympathies during this difficult time and are in our thoughts and prayers. Your dad was a great man and he will be missed by all who knew him. Of all the things he did while he was here, rest assured that you and your fine families are his proudest accomplishment! Heaven is a better place because he is there today, just as earth was during his lifetime. May you all find comfort in your memories, and in the knowledge that he is at peace, no longer suffering. Love and prayers, The Hard Family

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**Debbie Hard** - August 21, 2010 at 12:00 AM

DK

“To the Bartran family: Your father built my first beautiful home ever and was there through every step of the process. He was also a long-time patron of Cellular Junction and it was always my privilege and pleasure to work with him. Indeed he was one of a kind and has left an indelible impression on my heart. Having not long ago lost my pillar of a father, I empathize and am truly sorry for your loss. I hope you will be able to focus on your time with him and how very lucky you were to have had him in your lives. His life lessons and spirit will be with you always. "Perhaps, they are not stars in the sky but rather openings where our loved ones shine down to let us know they are happy." Respectfully, Dani C. Korkegi

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**Dani Korkegi** - August 21, 2010 at 12:00 AM

JM

“ We are saddened to learn of Bill's passing. I have known Bill since Colo A & M days and worked with him on many of his projects over the years. He always had a smile on his face and went our of his way to help others. In his cowboy years he would call and we would visit about Real Estate. I believe Bill created a legacy as a builder and developer that tops them all. As a Commercial real estate appraiser I can not think of anyone that I respect more than Bill. Bill will be truly missed by all. Rosalie and I are traveling by motorhome back from Alaska and will not be able to attend the services on August 25. Best Wishes to the Family Jerry & Rosalie Moore

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**Jerry & Rosalie Moore** - August 21, 2010 at 12:00 AM