



William L Bolinger

April 30, 1942 - March 9, 2022

Bill Bolinger passed away after a brief bout of pneumonia. In 1997, after retiring as Director from Van Buren Intermediate School District Bill moved with his wife, Jacque Bolinger, from Lawrence, Michigan to Fort Collins, Colorado.

Bill worked for the US Forest Service. He also enjoyed working with the Poudre Wilderness Volunteers. Bill and his wife, Jacque, loved the mountains and enjoyed all they offered. Bill had a love for horses, dogs, and trap shooting. He enjoyed young people, especially his niece Stacie Barrett, his nephew Sean Teel, and members of the Lintz family.

There will be an informal gathering of family and friends on Sunday, April 3rd at 1:00pm. at the Bolinger residence.

In lieu of flowers donations may be made to Larimer Humane Society at 3501 E 71st Street, Loveland, Colorado, 80538.

Previous Events

Gathering of Family and Friends

APR 3. 1:00 PM (MT)

Bohlender Funeral Chapel
121 W. Olive St.
Fort Collins, CO 80524

Tribute Wall

“ My friend Laurie and I have walked the River Bluffs trail for the last 3 years and have gotten to know and so appreciate our connections we have made with some wonderful people and their dogs. One of the first of those connections, was with was Bill and Mickey Girl! So much joy they provided us, as Mickey Girl could smell us coming from several hundred yards away and would look up at Bill to ask if she could run to us. We would flail our arms and squeal loudly as we called for her. Bill would give her the “okay” to run! While we always liked to think it was us she was running for, we joked that we were really just “walking biscuits”. We would love on Mickey and then make our way to Bill in anticipation of our short, but meaningful chats. We always had great conversations about the morning. He notoriously had the nature “news” scoped out for us, and would tell us where to look for the deer, the beaver chewings, the owls etc. We shared viewing and talking about that day’s beautiful sunrise, or setting moon, while sometimes commenting on the frosty cold weather conditions. Bill was the guy who knew so much about a lot of things. Laurie and I would always have some curious question we thought Bill could answer, and almost always he could.

People never know the impact they have on others and may never get to know. I hope that Bill knew. Us early morning walkers, have a special unspoken connection. We may not know each other’s last names or phone numbers but know a piece of each other’s Souls. There is nothing quite like those quiet morning walks and the seemingly small exchanges we have with each other along the way. The extra bonus is the joy the furry friends bring to those of us who are without dogs, and miss having them in our lives, allowing us to get our “dog fix” without owning one ourselves. It’s truly a gift that goes unspoken and unidentified until it is no longer there.

Both Laurie and I are truly heartbroken as I know all our other fellow morning walkers have been when we have had to share the sad news with them. Bill left a beautiful mark on all our lives and every time we walk that trail, we will see him and Mickey Girl coming around the bend. I will forever look for his Jeep parked in the lot. So

much love and healing to Jacque and his family and friends. Bill left no stone unturned on his walks. We are grateful for our connection with him, and he will never be forgotten.

Linda Nuss and Lauri Kraft - April 03, 2022 at 08:11 PM

KC

“ *When I moved to Colorado to work for the Forest Service in 2001 Bill and Jackie had me over to their house numerous times to chat and just to be neighborly. Bill and I always shared a good joke and the same regard for work ethics. I always enjoyed our times together and am sadden to know that he has passed. Nature has lost a strong advocate. I wish Jackie the peace of knowing that he lived a good life and loved her very much, It was evident to all who knew them, how much they cared for each other. With sincere condolences, Kevin Cannon.*

Kevin Cannon - March 17, 2022 at 10:10 AM

CB

“ *Charles B. purchased a sympathy card for the family of William L Bolinger.*



Charles B. - March 16, 2022 at 08:26 PM

CB

“ *Bill and Jackie were real stalwarts who made a major contribution to Poudre Wilderness Volunteers, which I founded a year before they moved to Fort Collins. They joined early on, patrolling effectively as PWVers throughout the backcountry of the USFS Canyon Lakes Ranger District. Serving as active volunteers for many years, they were ready to pitch in whenever our all-volunteer organization needed a task completed. Bill was also a man of great integrity, and I valued him as a friend. I am so sorry that he has left us so suddenly, and I wish Jackie the strength she will need to cope with his loss. With my deepest condolences, Chuck Bell.*

Charles Bell - March 16, 2022 at 08:18 PM