



William H. Clark Jr.

August 17, 1936 - April 19, 2018

William H Clark Jr., 81, passed away on April 19, 2018 surrounded by his loving family. Bill as his family and friends knew him, was born on August 17, 1936 in Mount Kisco, New York to William and Edna Clark. Bill attended college at Oswego State University in Oswego, New York. Bill started his career in finance at General Precision Laboratories in Pleasantville, New York where he met his true love, Lillian. They married in 1960. Bill was the owner of Amapac Floor Service in Amawalk, New York. In 1972 Bill and Lil moved their family to Fort Collins. Bill worked as a terminal manager for B. F. Walker Trucking until 1982. In 1983 Bill and Lil opened the Blue Bayou Restaurant and Bar. In 1990 Bill and Lil sold the restaurant and Bill acquired his Colorado and Wyoming real estate license. Bill was an expert in mountain property. Bill had a gift for always making new and old acquaintances feel genuinely welcome. Bill along with several other investors developed the Wild Horse Ranch in Laramie, WY.

Bill loved being in Fort Collins and at his mountain property in Cherokee Park, CO. He was happiest when surrounded by his family.

Bill loved his woodshop. He built many treasures that his family and close friends have in their possession. Bill loved researching his family history and spent many hours tracing and documenting the Clark family history. His daughters thank him for this. Bill loved being up in the mountains and on his

John Deere tractor taking care of the roads for Elk Meadows III or helping a friend in Cherokee Park. Bill sat on the board of directors of Elk Meadows III for 27 years. Bill touched so many people from one end of the United States to the other.

Bill is survived by his wife Lillian (Lil) of 58 years, his daughter Lillian (Lee) Reichert and husband Mark, daughter Deborah (Debbie) Thinnes and husband Dan. His four grandchildren, Christopher Reichert, Nathan Reichert, Steven Thinnes, and Jenna Thinnes. His sister Lynn MacCartney and husband Doug. Many extended family and friends.

Bill cherished his family above all else. Bill touched many lives in his lifetime and will be remembered for his smile, his strength, and his love for life. Bill's final resting place will be at his beloved mountain home in Cherokee Park, Colorado.

His family will celebrate his life with a gathering in the summer at his Fort Collins home.

Memorial contributions can be made in Bill's memory to Poudre Valley Hospital Foundation (Pulmonary Rehab Department) in care of Bohlender Funeral Chapel.

Tribute Wall

TS

“ Our Deepest sorrow to you and your family. Bill was a great friend and a fine business associate. he had a great attitude about everything including life. I can tell you he will be sorely missed. God Bless your family. Tom and Deb Stephens

Tom and Deb Stephens - May 04, 2018 at 11:21 AM

CS

“ I was so very saddened to read of Bill's death. I I worked with him on a couple of real estate deals. He was always personable and at the same time professional, and had the ability to make you feel as though you were a treasured friend. My favorite memory of Bill is when a client of mine who had bought land in Cherokee Park invited me to ride with her. As we made our way up through the property of another client and friend, we were greeted by Bill driving to his property. He immediately extended an invitation to my friend to ride her horse to his place to visit any time she could. What a special gift he had for making friends and enhancing the lives of those friends just by knowing him. I will miss him.

My condolences and best wishes go to his family. I hope you will find comfort knowing he touched many lives and created wonderful memories for many, many people.

*With love,
Carol Story*

Carol Story - April 30, 2018 at 10:50 AM

EN

“ I was saddened to hear of Bill's passing. I met Bill and his lovely family when I bought property in Elk Meadows. Being a newbie landowner, I was very grateful for the invaluable help and encouragement I got from Bill, Lil, Lee, Mark, Debbie, Dan and Steven. It was always great to see Bill and his four-wheeler come up the hill as I was wrestling some evil bush, as I knew the cavalry was on the way. Bill and Lil always had an open-door policy at their mountain home, and I've never met a nicer clan. I will miss Bill, but his spirit lives on. Elk Meadows is in good hands, with his knowledge and love of the land passed on to his family. The Lord bless and keep you, Bill. The Lord make His face to shine upon you.

Liz Neff

Elizabeth Neff - April 27, 2018 at 11:51 AM

KG

“ Bill and Lil were our next door neighbors on Whedbee Street for a number of years. We enjoyed their company so much. We have such fond memories of Lil and her huge garden and Bill working in his garage. Bill helped us find our beautiful lot in Crystal Lakes and we are finally building our dream cabin this summer. Bill will be sorely missed by family and friends. Our sincere condolences.
Kathy Graybill and Bill Johnson

Kathy Graybill - April 27, 2018 at 10:14 AM

BE

“ I had the pleasure of knowing Bill from Pulmonary Rehab. I was a Respiratory Therapist that started him in the program. He always had a smile when he arrived. He wouldn't slow down with his many projects even though it was suggested if he wasn't feeling up to snuff. I was the lucky recipient of a few items of his woodworking which were beautiful. We will miss him very much.
Becki Oscarson-retired from PVH

Becki - April 26, 2018 at 02:02 PM

GE

“ I did not know Bill really well (as I only had occasional dealings with him when he was selling real estate) but he was the kindest, most wonderful man ever. I had just started working as an escrow processor on commercial files and he walked me through my first few and literally keep me from walking away from my job. That is the kind of man he was, ever thoughtful and helpful.

After he stopped selling real estate, he would call me every once in a while with a random piece of ground or house he was helping a friend or relative sell and he would send me the contract and we would get to visit. It was always such a joy to hear his voice saying hello darling, how have you been, this is your friend Bill Clark (as if I couldn't tell with his deep wonderful smiling voice). I was always happy to hear from him as he was always happy and so up beat.

I will miss hearing from him and always being around his kindness and consideration. I know his family will miss him greatly and I send my condolences to them and wish them well. You had a very special man in your family and many, many people are going to miss him and all he did and was.

Gaynelle Eggers (Land Title Guarantee Company)

Gaynelle Eggers - April 25, 2018 at 08:09 PM

CJ

“ Unfortunately, I wish I had gotten to know my neighbor, Bill, better than I did. One could not wish for better and friendlier neighbors than Bill and Lil. When the weather was warm and the sun was shining, even if there was snow on the ground, he always took the time to pause and chat in the front yard. The mountains were always a topic, as was whatever either of us was doing for a woodworking or yard project. My respect for a life well lived and a soul that will be missed goes out to him and his family. For those that mourn him, especially Lil, know that you can lean on your neighbors in your time of grief, or at any time in the future. Please let me know if there is anything I can do to help with the celebration of his life this summer or anything else. Rest in Peace Bill! - Craig Jarvi

Craig Jarvi - April 24, 2018 at 08:59 PM

CJ

“ For my 50th Birthday he made a wood mosaic for me. It's absolutely beautiful and has a very special place in our house. I will never forget his kindness and his smile when we were sharing Christmas Cookies ;-) I'm so sad and I will miss him in our neighborhood. Rest in peace Bill - Claudia Jarvi

Claudia Jarvi - April 24, 2018 at 08:37 PM

JM

“ Bill was “Mr. Wonderful” to me. Whenever I'd ask him “how are you” he'd say “wonderful” with a big smile. He and Lil have been fabulous neighbors and dear friends for many years and we will miss Bill tremendously. Love, Jeanine

jeanine mellem - April 24, 2018 at 06:54 PM

SS

“ I became acquainted with Bill and Lil at the Blue Bayou. I decorated some of the interior with funny artwork and helped them produce promotional flyers for many of the hundreds of fun and entertaining events at the Bayou. It was goodbye to an era when the Bayou closed but it will always hold a special place in my heart and so many fond memories. It was always a pleasure to run into Bill in the years since, it seemed like we picked up where we left off every time we met. I will truly miss the opportunity to meet up with him one more time in this world. To Bill, thank you, my friend, for the great times you made possible. To Lil and family, my deepest sympathy for the absence of this great man in your lives. Thoughts and prayers to you. Steve Stabler

Stephen Stabler - April 24, 2018 at 03:34 PM

NA

“ Rest in the memories of a great man. Remembering Bill Clark and his family leaves a smile on my face. I knew all the Clarks for a period of time...the 80"s, Bill at the Blue Bayou, Debbie cutting and frosting my hair, Lillian working at the club, and Lil gardening around the house. I have fond memories of all of you. I hope you find peace through the memories of such a giving man. You are all in my thoughts and prayers.

Nancee VandeYacht-Stuart

nancee - April 24, 2018 at 01:03 PM

LV

“Lil and family, we are so very sorry to hear of the passing of Bill, a good friend whom we became friends with over the past four years through rehab at PVH. We loved him as a great friend who always made us laugh and loved listening to his stories. We were never strangers as from the start he was a friend. Loved spending time with him and Lil and the pleasure of meeting his daughter at his house. He always talked highly of his whole family and loved spending time with them always. He talked about all the trips he and Lil made to their mountain home and all the hard work he put into his cabin there.

I wish there were words to help with the hurt Lil and his family are going through at this time. We met Bill as a stranger, loved him as a friend and hope we meet in Heaven one day where friendship never ends.

*Rest In Peace Bill
Tom and Lauraine Vayne*

Lauraine. Vayne - April 24, 2018 at 08:44 AM

RT

“ *Lil and family: Accept my sincere sympathy. The news of Bill's passing saddened me as he was an old-time friend, going back to high school days. I was happy to renew our friendship through e-mails after we lost touch for a while after your move to CO. I was happy to see him at one of our big Mount Kisco High School reunions, and again when we met for lunch at the time of your visit East not too long ago. Bill was a gentleman and a gentle man. His love of his family was paramount in his life. I admired that in him. I will always hold on to the memories of our long-time friendship. It's always "too soon" to lose a loved one. May God give you the strength you need to get through this difficult time. He was loved. May he rest in peace.*

With a heavy heart, Rosalie G. Thorn New Milford CT

Rosalie G Thorn - April 24, 2018 at 05:47 AM

SB

“*"Slick" (as we each called each other) was as fine a man as there ever was! His gruff laugh was always ready to come out and he used it prolifically! What a joy to be around. We spent many---many---a day and night in Odessa at Walker's pipe yard count joints and commiserating on how hot it was. In the evening he and I would eat Mexican food and go out to bend a few down at Odessa's Blue Bayou or one of several of the cowboy dance/bars in Odessa.*

He was never without his Western wear. We laughed, teased each other, told jokes, told lies, complained about how much we disliked our work and how much we loved it. He was a thinker, open minded about situations, willing to give you the benefit of the doubt and let you do what you thought was right--if you could convince him it could be accomplished. He supported his people to the hilt and absolutely LOVED the west.

His and Lil's visit to our home in Florida a few years ago was GREAT and Karen and I hoped to have seen him and Lil this summer when we were to travel west through Colorado! I will miss Bill beyond what anyone can know!

*Steve Benjamin
Fancy Gap, VA*

Stephen Benjamin - April 23, 2018 at 08:21 PM

SM

“*Bill was one of the greatest men and best friends I have ever known. My life is full of cherished memories of the time we spent together. He will be missed dearly and the world will be a lessor place without. Our heart and prayers to all of you, especially Lil. Rest in peace my friend.*

*Sean and Diane Mater
Bosler, Wyoming*

Sean Mater - April 23, 2018 at 08:08 PM



“ *Fruit Abounds was purchased for the family of William H. Clark Jr..*



April 23, 2018 at 07:25 PM



“ *We had lots of laughs and good times with Bill. We love him and will never forget him.
He was a wonderful cousin. love Julie and Richie*

julie and richie caruana - April 23, 2018 at 07:14 PM



“ *I will always remember Bill and Lillian taking me to the Bronx Zoo when I was a little girl. Driving home in the dark sleeping on a very soft shoulder of Lillian. I so loved that outing and will always hold it dear to my heart. So sorry for his passing. Prayers of comfort for the whole family. Love cousin LuAnn*

LuAnn Morey Oakley (Almas daughtet) - April 23, 2018 at 05:04 PM