



## Billy Joe Rush

March 19, 1937 - September 27, 2021

Funeral services for BILLY JOE RUSH, 84, will be held at 10am Friday, October 1, 2021 at East Gate Baptist Church with Pastor Tim Sparks officiating. Burial will follow in the Valley View Cemetery. Billy died September 27, 2021 at Goshen Healthcare Community. Visitation will be Thursday at the funeral home from 3pm to 5pm and the casket will be open prior to the service at the church. Arrangements are by the Colyer Funeral Home and condolences may be sent to [www.colyerfuneralhome.com](http://www.colyerfuneralhome.com).

Billy Joe was born March 19, 1937 at home near Clyde, Missouri to Laura Marie (Lockhart) and Cleo William Martin Rush. Bill attended the local Mozingo Valley Grade School and Pickering High School in Missouri. He came to Wyoming August of 1955 where he worked as a driller for Joy Drilling with his brother Richard Rush from 1955 to 1958. This job took him to the Dakotas for iron and to Michigan for salt. He later worked ranches and farms in the Moore Springs, Goshen County area. Bill went to work as a lineman for Niobrara Electric from 1962 to 1971. Like a number of others locals, he played and Indian in the Rawhide Pageant in 1961. In September of 1958 he married Carol Hoy. Bill and Carol had two sons, Tod E. Rush (Leann) and Stanley D. Rush (Jackie). He farmed just south of Gleaner's Union from 1971 until 1986. Bill and Carol were later divorced. Bill married Emma Jane Holeman in June of 1981. He and Emma made their home on the farm for three and a half years. They moved to PV Bar Estates in 1986. Bill also started working for the

town of Torrington electrical department until 1997. In 1997 he was injured at work and lost his right leg. His wife Emma passed away in November 2013. He and Emma were parents to many foster children. Bill married a lifelong friend, Betty Greene January 1, 2015. They enjoyed travel, family and friendship until his death.

Billy is survived by his sisters Mary (Kay) Brown and Marilyn McKay; his wife Betty; his sons; and many grand and great grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents; brothers (Ted) Marion, (Harold) Richard, Robert Merlin Rush; and sister (Vivian) Ruth Ogier.

# Previous Events

## Celebration of Life

OCT 1. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (MT)

East Gate Baptist Church  
1715 East L  
Torrington, WY 82240  
(307) 532-3007

# Tribute Wall

KE

“ *Our sincere condolences are sent to Bills family. He was a wonderful man.  
Howard& Karin Eisenhauer*



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**Karin Eisenhauer** - September 29, 2021 at 05:22 PM

AB

“ *Billy had a joyful soul. He always had an upbeat story or message of goodwill. Sincere condolences, love, blessings, and prayers to the Rush families.*



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**Ahrens Karla Beermann** - September 29, 2021 at 03:29 PM

GA

“ *Gene And Julie Alkire lit a candle in memory of Billy Joe Rush*



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**Gene and Julie Alkire** - September 29, 2021 at 01:46 PM

BV

“ We are so sad to hear of Billy’s passing! He was such a great man and dear friend and our lives were blessed by his presence! Our deepest condolences and prayers go out to his sons and family and our hearts are singing “Go rest high on that mountain “ and we’ll see you again in our glorious eternal home!!! Love and prayers to you all!

**Bill/Linda Vandivort** - September 29, 2021 at 01:09 PM

RN

“ Royce And Carolyn Nelson lit a candle in memory of Billy Joe Rush



**Royce and Carolyn Nelson** - September 29, 2021 at 08:55 AM

BB

“ BJ Brown lit a candle in memory of Billy Joe Rush



**BJ Brown** - September 28, 2021 at 07:05 PM

GW

“ Gary Werner purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Billy Joe Rush.



**Gary Werner** - September 28, 2021 at 06:14 PM