



William "Bill" Hansen

November 7, 1954 - March 14, 2017

...Memorial services for WILLIAM "BILL" HANSEN, 62, will be held at 1pm Friday, March 24, 2017 at Community Presbyterian Church in Lingle, Wyoming with Reverends Curtis Hill and Vickie Kintzel officiating. Bill died March 14, 2017 at Community Hospital in Torrington due to unexpected complications and cremation has taken place. Memorials may be given to the Lingle Community Presbyterian Church. Arrangements are under the direction of the Colyer Funeral Home.

William Lloyd (Bill) Hansen, II, was born on November 7, 1954 in Torrington, Wyoming the son of William and Ruth Ann (Hill) Hansen. The life of Bill cannot be put into a few paragraphs. There is only one Bill Hansen and he was unique to this world and cannot be defined or paraphrased in so few sentences. Those of us who knew him, each have and can share with one another, our own memories and experiences and love for a man gone from this world all too soon.

Bill loved people, and he found purpose in helping others,. He was always highly active, energetic and charismatic, having played football and basketball at Lingle-Fort Laramie High School where he graduated in 1973. He attended EWC from '73 to '75 and graduated from Chadron State in 1977 with his BA in Physical Education.

Bill's first teaching job was in Lyman, NE with his second in Clearmont. Soon after, he moved to Lander and worked at the Wyoming State Training School (WSTS) as a Recreational Therapist for the Developmentally Disabled. Bill loved his time there, knowing the positive impact he made on the lives of others and of all the places he worked -- working construction independently and with his brother Mike, his time spent at places like the Sunrise Mine, Holly Sugar, Freed's Fine Furnishings, DSI and Peak Wellness to his time as a recreational services director at Wind River Health Care or as a volunteer for the Goshen County Task Force against Family Violence -- Bill's favorite job, and the one he found most rewarding, was at the State School.

Bill once said that when the time came and he was in Heaven, he would meet all the people he helped at the WSTS and they would be healed. He would get to see that they were better. And he would know without a doubt he'd made a difference in their lives.

And it was also here, at WSTS, where Bill met his loving wife of almost 22 years, Elizabeth Jane (Deal) Hansen. They were married in Lander on April 22, 1995.

Of all the things Bill held dear in life, the most important to him was his family. Anyone who knew or met Bill quickly learned how proud he was and how much he loved them, and he was not shy or hesitant to let it be known.

Bill is survived by his wife, Jane; his mother, Ruth Ann; two sons, Nathan and Abram; three step-sons, Chad, Brad, and Curtis; 9 grandchildren; two brothers, Dave and Mike and his sister, Carol. He was preceded in death by his father and a brother, Jeff.

Bill ran his course, and he ran it well. He gave it all he had and we are all better for having known him. Whether we knew him as Son, Husband, Dad,

Brother, Uncle, Grandpa, Cousin, or Bill, he is missed and he is loved -- and there is no doubt that his new home is in Heaven.

Previous Events

Memorial services

MAR **24**. 1:00 PM (MT)

Community Presbyterian Church
Lingle, WY 82223

Tribute Wall

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“ Prayers to family and friends. I worked with Bill and Jane at the WSTS. It was a great time working with Bill.

Tammy Davis - March 27, 2017 at 08:52 PM

CN

“ Peace be With you my friend Bill..RIP
Jane, May the love of your family and friends give you strength through these most sad and difficult days. Please know that I hold you in my daily thoughts and prayers.

Carla Norris
Lander

Carla Norris - March 23, 2017 at 04:21 PM

SH

“ Scherri Hacker lit a candle in memory of William "Bill" Hansen



Scherri Hacker - March 23, 2017 at 03:37 PM

LI

“ Loren And Shirley Isbell lit a candle in memory of William "Bill" Hansen



Loren and Shirley Isbell - March 23, 2017 at 12:51 PM

BO

“ *Bob Otero lit a candle in memory of William "Bill" Hansen*



Bob Otero - March 22, 2017 at 11:09 PM

TR

“ *Theil Ryan lit a candle in memory of William "Bill" Hansen*



Theil Ryan - March 22, 2017 at 05:33 PM



“ *Thinking of the Hansen family and sending prayers. Geremy always enjoyed his visiting with Bill first when he was part of building our new house and then later at DSI. I can imagine Ger's excitement when he saw Bill in Heaven.*



Ginger Barthel - March 22, 2017 at 03:41 PM

CP

“ *Carol Peterson lit a candle in memory of William "Bill" Hansen*



Carol Peterson - March 22, 2017 at 03:06 PM