



William 'Bill' Frank Hovis, Jr

June 3, 1935 - January 6, 2016

Memorial services for WILLIAM FRANK HOVIS JR, will be held at 2pm Monday, January 11, 2016 at the Colyer Funeral Home Chapel with John Hovis officiating. Bill died at the Douglas Care Center in Douglas, Wyoming on January 6, 2016 and cremation has taken place. In lieu of flowers memorials may be given to the Douglas Care Center Alzheimer Unit. Arrangements are under the direction of the Colyer Funeral Home and friends may send condolences to the family at www.colyerfuneralhome.com.

Bill was born June 3, 1935 in Lovell, Wyoming the son of William and Wilma (Hoersch) Hovis Sr. He grew up and received his early education in Lovell graduating high school there in 1953. He attended the University of Wyoming for four years graduating there in 1957 with a BS Degree in Engineering. He married Alice Elaine Bergslien on December 20, 1955 in Lovell. They lived for a year in Colorado before moving to Casper, Wyoming where he worked in the Petroleum Industry for fifty years. They moved to Torrington, Wyoming in November of 2008.

Bill was a member of the Society of Petroleum Engineers, an Associate Member of the Wyoming Geological Association, a member of the National Association of Corrosion Engineers, and a member of Kiwanis. He enjoyed playing golf and woodworking.

Bill is survived by his wife Elaine of Torrington, Wyoming; two sons John (Terri) Hovis of Phoenix, Arizona and Jim (Kriss) Hovis of LaGrange, Wyoming; a sister Michal Gene West of Manville, Wyoming; and a brother Daniel (Ruth) Hovis of Arizona; six grandchildren; and seven great grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents; a daughter Julie Baldwin; a granddaughter Jesi Hovis; and a sister and brother-in-law Gloria and Wayne Blackburn.

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 11. 2:00 PM (MT)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Oh my god I miss him. What a character and leader. So much compassion. Rest in peace my beloved uncle.*

Steve Blackburn - June 06, 2025 at 10:40 AM

BK

“ *Brian Kroeger lit a candle in memory of William 'Bill' Frank Hovis, Jr*



Brian Kroeger - January 18, 2016 at 06:42 PM

KC

“ *Dear Elaine and family,
So very sorry to hear of dear Bill's passing. I had no idea. What a wonderful friend Bill and you were to Rick and I. I enjoyed getting to be part of your family.
Janice let me know she attended a very nice memorial ceremony for Bill, today.
I wished I could have attended.
Maybe this summer Brianna and I will travel to Torrington to visit.
Janice mentioned a picture of Rick and your family, I'd love to see.
Again, I'm so very sorry, he was a rich character that will not soon be forgotten. Great memories!
Love to you all.
May God comfort you, also.*

~Kathleen ><>George

kathleen george casper - January 16, 2016 at 10:01 AM

DH

“ *Elaine: Bryan and I sent our thoughts and prayers to you and your family. I know this has been a very trying time; but there has to be a certain feeling of grace to know that Bill is now at peace. I am sending PEO love and hugs. Donna Cay Heinz*

Donna Cay Heinz - January 10, 2016 at 01:34 PM

RO

“ *Bill has been not only my brother-in-law, but my friend and mentor. I will miss him, but will fondly love and remember him always. As a boy I spent many wonderful periods of time in Elaine and Bill's home. Bill taught me many values about life, good and bad. Sometimes I would travel with him when he worked for the utility and we would always have a Blackcherry malt. He loved icecream. He could always make me laugh with his dumb jokes like WHAT BOX ?.
Bill was blessed with a wonderful wife, children and extended family.*

*I miss you brother,
Roger*

Roger - January 09, 2016 at 11:17 AM

CA

“ Wonderful memories of Bill. My very first impression ... I just wasn't sure about this guy? Was he funny, was he crude, was he rude, was he a prankster, was he for real? But it didn't take me long to figure him....and love him. He always had a joke, and most of the time it was the same one. Ha, ha. But he was good for a laugh. Remembering my first time camping in the Bighorns; he and I were fishing and he showed me how to clean fish. He loved camping up there. He loved his wife, children and grandchildren. I know that my life is richer for having known Bill. Someone so special can never be forgotten. Sharing in your sorrow. With love and friendship.
Carol Bergslien

Carol - January 09, 2016 at 10:22 AM

SA

“ So sorry to learn of the passing of Bill. I really liked him, he was a funny guy and fun to be around. Sending his family my heartfelt condolences.
Sanda Boling (Carol Bergslien's daughter)

Sanda - January 08, 2016 at 06:05 PM

CW

“ So sorry to hear of your father's passing, may God give you strength and comfort at this time.
Sincerely,
Carolyn Williams

Carolyn Williams - January 08, 2016 at 03:16 PM