



William "Bill" E. Schlager Sr.

October 10, 1929 - December 16, 2023

Memorial services for WILLIAM "BILL" EUGENE SCHLAGER SR., 94, will be held 1pm Friday January 12, 2024, at the Colyer Funeral Home Chapel with Pastor Rick Carroll officiating. Burial with military honors will follow in the Valley View Cemetery. Bill passed away peacefully December 16, 2023, at Torrington Community Hospital and cremation has taken place. Arrangements are under the direction of the Colyer Funeral Home and condolences may be sent to www.colyerfuneralhome.com.

Bill was born October 10, 1929, in Mitchell, NE, the 11th son of Jacob and Elizabeth (Deines) Schlager. He grew up in the Mitchell, Ne and Hawk Springs, Wy areas where his family farmed. He received his education in Hawk Springs and Torrington. In 1948, Bill joined the US Navy and was stationed in Hawaii at Pearl Harbor until 1950. He returned to the States and served on the USS Hickok, where he went through the Panama Canal returning to Newport, Rhode Island, where he was honorably discharged as Seaman 1st Class in 1951. He returned to Torrington where he was employed by the Wig Wam Bakery as a delivery man. Bill worked 18 campaigns for Holy Sugar in Torrington. In 1953 he married Marlene (Amberg) in Elko, NV. The couple made their home in Riverside, CA where Bill

worked for Rohr Aircraft and Food Machinery. In 1957, Bill accepted a position for farming at St. Joseph's Orphanage, under the supervision of Father Leo Morgan. Bill had several of the boys at the children's home help with chores, milk 21 cows, feed the farm animals, irrigation and harvesting the crops that they grew. They also had to help tend to the large garden they grew, which helped feed the children at the home. Bill and Marlene were 4-H leaders all the years that they lived at the Orphanage. In 1968, Bill resigned his position at the home and he and his family returned to California, where he worked for the Certain-Tee Corporation. In 1970, the family moved back to Torrington, WY, where Bill was employed by the Goshen Irrigation District for 24 years, retiring in 1994. Bill loved spending time with his family. He enjoyed hunting, fishing, traveling and the outdoors. He especially loved camping at Laramie Peak with his wife and children. Bill is survived by his daughters Lynda (Ken) Ferrari of Cheyenne, WY, Beth (Jim) DeMott, Cherie (Bart) Trautwein, of Torrington, WY and Joanna (Rob) Eirich of Mitchell, NE; his sons, Jeff (Veronica), William (Bill) Jr., Lonny (Martha) of Torrington, WY; 18 Grandchildren; 33 Great Grandchildren; sister Wilma Ward and his loyal companion Sissy, his beloved poodle. He was preceded in death by his wife; both parents; brothers, Walter, Victor, Elmer, Albert, Alex, Ted, Ruben, Robert, Harry, Lawrence; sisters, Pauline, Frieda, Hilda, Rose, Clara and one infant Granddaughter, Marisah Knowles.

Cemetery Details

Valley View Cemetery

30th Avenue
Torrington, WY 82240

Previous Events

Memorial Service

JAN 12. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (MT)

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Tribute Wall

BK

“ Uncle Bill was my favorite and most handsome! I remember visiting his family at the orphanage. Very fond memories of walking around the cemetery and hearing stories about our family. Love and condolences to his family! Beth Schlager Kaser

Beth Schlager Kaser - January 03, 2024 at 09:55 PM

RK

“ Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord; and let perpetual light shine upon him. May he rest in peace. Amen.”
Keeping you all in prayer-My love and Prayers
Aunt RoseMarie



Rose Kilgore - December 31, 2023 at 12:54 PM

RB

“ R Baros lit a candle in memory of William "Bill" Schlager Sr.



R Baros - December 24, 2023 at 03:36 PM

MS

Awwwwwww thanks renee love you girl!!!! We loved DAD SO VERY MUCH MISS HIM LIKE CRAZY

Martha Schlager - October 12, 2025 at 03:24 AM

DS

“ I really enjoyed visits with Bill when he worked at the Orphanage. My Dad (Jerry) took me there at milking time and I will all ways remember visiting with the kids there and getting the tour of the huge barn. Rest in Peace Bill.

Dave Schlager - December 22, 2023 at 12:13 PM

KW

“ Kristy Weglin lit a candle in memory of William "Bill" Schlager Sr.



Kristy Weglin - December 21, 2023 at 11:19 AM

RN

“ Thoughts and prayers for the family.

Royce and Carolyn Nelson - December 19, 2023 at 05:33 PM

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“ Lisa (kelly) lit a candle in memory of William "Bill" Schlager Sr.



Lisa Lawrence (kelly) - December 19, 2023 at 03:19 AM

DM

“ *Diana Mote lit a candle in memory of William
"Bill" Schlager Sr.*



Diana Mote - December 19, 2023 at 12:11 AM