



William Ezra Dorsett

July 26, 1935 - January 21, 2013

William "Bill" Dorsett Sr., 77, a 52 year Malaga resident, passed away at his home on Monday, January 21, 2013, following an extended illness.

He was born on July 26, 1935 in South Dakota to the late Walter and Alice Dorsett. He made several moves with his family while he was growing up, before they settled in Chelan when he was 14 years old. Bill attended Wenatchee High School and later went to work in the logging industry near Chelan. In September 1954, he entered the U.S. Army. He married Glenna Miller in January 1955 in Wenatchee. They made their first home in Tacoma and following his honorable discharge they moved to Quincy, where he worked at the Kenite Silicon Plant. In 1959, they moved to East Wenatchee and worked at the Keokuk smelter plant in Rock Island. In 1960, they moved to Malaga and worked as the maintenance, coach, school bus driver and all around fix it guy for the Malaga School with his BFF Oscar Allen. He was transferred to the Wenatchee School District when the Malaga School closed in 1968.

On October 22, 1988, he married Kathleen Sink . They have since made their home together in Malaga. He retired from the Wenatchee School District in 1990. Bill's kids wanted everyone to know how blessed they are to have Kathy in their life. Her compassion and love for all of them is helping them through this tough time

He was a member of the Eastmont Community Church and the Stemilt Hill Grange. He was a former member of the Wenatchee Aerie # 204 F.O.E.

He enjoyed music and playing the guitar, singing karaoke, his children and family all around him, anything outdoors, fishing, hunting, snowmobiling and sitting in the yard swing.

He is survived by his wife, Kathleen "Kathy" Dorsett, Malaga; seven children and their spouses, Laurie (James) Hill, Malaga, Priscilla "Cilla" (Blair) Davis, Wenatchee, Rebecca "Becky" (Cory) Crook, Renton, WA, William (Charollette) Dorsett Jr., Yakima and Elizabeth "Beth" (Shawn) Smith, East Wenatchee; James Sink, Malaga; daughter Heather(Jeff) Bailey, Sylmar, CA; two sisters, Ruth Bennett and Priscilla Grissom both of East Wenatchee; 14 grandchildren and 13 great grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents, one brother, Jack Dorsett; one sister, Alice Faye Dorsett and one grandson, Thomas Russell Crook.

A Memorial Service will be held on Sunday afternoon, January 27th at 2:30 p.m. at Eastmont Community Church, 783 4th Street N.E., East Wenatchee, with Pastor Bob Lenderman officiating. Friends who wish may make memorial donations in his name to the charity of their choice. You are invited to visit his online tribute and leave a memory for the family at www.HeritageMemorialChapel.com . Arrangements are assisted by Heritage Memorial Chapel, East Wenatchee.

Tribute Wall

CH

“Wow! I can hardly believe it has been a year, I truly am thinking of all of you. I understand how tough this year has been. I know you all are cherishing the memories and I hope that those precious recollections will ease the pain of this anniversary of the passing of Bill. God Bless you and keep you. Love, Cheryl May

Cheryl - January 14, 2014 at 07:48 AM

AR

“Blessings to you and your families. Sarah and I have so enjoyed going to your house each and every year. Love the warmth and good feelings you each portrayed. We will miss Bill completely, but always remember this is another part of our journey. We love you Kathy. Prayers to and for all of you. Bill "till we meet again". Your cuz.

Anita Russell - January 28, 2013 at 11:18 PM

CH

“When someone you love becomes a memory, the memory becomes a treasure.

Clara Heirman - January 28, 2013 at 07:52 PM

LG

“ My earliest memory of Bill occurred when I was a little boy playing outside with my brother and my cousins. I remember a loud and booming voice followed by a burly shaped man stepping out of the screen door of the house in Malaga. I immediately stopped playing and sprinted in the opposite direction of the voice. I hid behind the house until Beth eventually persuaded me that the man was her father. When darkness came and we all went into the house, Bill was sitting in his chair and gave me a hard stare as I entered the room....asking 'Which one are you'. I asked one of the older girls if she could call my mom to come get me. I pointed to the chair and said 'that man scares me'. I tried to hide behind her when he got up from the chair and walked toward us. She raised her voice and laughing said 'Daaaaaad!!!'. Suddenly his grimace and hard stare turned into a warm and gentle smile -- his laughter at my fear eased it some. He said 'I know your mom Pam', then he asked if I was hungry.

That was almost 42 years ago!! Through the years I always knew when Bill was around even if I could'nt see him. His voice was imprinted in my mind forever. I've many fond memories of Bill. The high quality of his character, his pride, work ethic, and mostly his love and adoration and devotion to his family. A fine and pleasant man who will indeed be missed and never forgotten.

I'm certain Bill would have included family and children along with friends in the following d.h. Lawrence quote.

'Take a look at where (one's) glory most begins and ends, and say my glory was I had such friends'.

Lonnie Gonwick - January 28, 2013 at 07:50 PM

LG

“ My prayers and thoughts are with you.

Lonnie Gonwick - January 28, 2013 at 07:25 PM

J)

“ Dear Priscilla & Family,
I am so sorry to hear of your Dad's passing.
I have such fond memories of your Dad teasing us with always a smile and a big heart to match.
He truly was a wonderful Dad to you and your family and no doubt all the grands too !
He left the world a better place. God Bless.
Love, Jo

Jo Morken (cousin) - January 28, 2013 at 05:03 PM

AG

“ Bill will be truly missed at our family reunions. He loved being there and we loved having him there. His music and humor made the reunion a success every year for 15 years. He was an awesome cousin who I loved dearly. My thoughts and love are with all the kids and Kathy. Anita and Otto

Anita Guenther - January 27, 2013 at 04:58 PM

GC

“ I am so sorry, I know that is a very difficult time, please know that I am covering you and your family in prayer. Blessings Gyna

Gyna Clement - January 26, 2013 at 12:46 PM

GC

“ I am so sorry for your loss. One thing that I learned when my Dad's mother died at age 97, you are never ready to lose your parent. She had alzheimers and had forgotten everything & everyone, even how to talk, but it was still very hard on my dad when she passed as I know it is very difficult for you right now, please know that I am thinking of you and my prayers are covering you and your family at this difficult time. Blessings, Gyna

Gyna Edwards Clement - January 25, 2013 at 09:11 AM

GM

“ *With Our Sympathy, The McFann Family*

Greg & Becky McFann - January 24, 2013 at 09:24 PM

KA

“ *To Beth and family I was sorry to here of Bill's passing...I know it isnt going to be easy to face the next few days let alone the months ahead of you.*

The Best memory I can recall was going over to the Dorsett house for the first time when Beth and I were Sophmores in High School. We had hamburgers for dinner that evening and when it was time to eat there was an amazing commotion amongst the family everyone laughing, teasing and eating. I remember feeling nervous in my new surroundings but something told me to look over my shoulder at Bill and I cought him smiling at everyone and then at me which put me at ease and made me feel welcome.

My thoughts and prayers are with you Beth and Family. I hope you will find Peace and Comfort in the days that follow <3

Kristi (Piepel) Ayers - January 24, 2013 at 04:54 PM

DE

“ *Your family will be in our thoughts as Bill has been my entire life. He was my one and only Bus Driver, but he was more than that... he was a soccer coach, the father of my friend, and a wonderful man. He will be missed by my entire family, but know that his memory will be with me forever as he made an impression on my life that will not ever leave me*

Debbie Eddy-Jordan - January 24, 2013 at 09:44 AM

CH

“ I remember when we lived in Grandma's old house that Bill would come up and visit on his way home from work (driving bus). We enjoyed his visits. One time when I saw him coming up the driveway I dialed the number you could dial at the time to make the phone ring and the timing couldn't have been better, it rang as soon as he stepped in the door. I told him the phone was for him and so he puts the phone to his ear and says "hello". His face was priceless! What a good sport he was.

Cheryl - January 23, 2013 at 11:40 PM

CM

“ Kathy and family, Bill was a very kind and caring person and will be so missed.

"Death leaves a heartache no one can heal, love leaves a memory no one can steal." Saw this somewhere and know from my own experience how true it is. The pain of losing Bill will always be there but time and the memories take the sting away. You all have so many memories to cherish, because of the wonderful person Bill was.

Prayers being said for your peace and comfort.

*Love you all,
Cheryl May*

Cheryl May - January 23, 2013 at 09:52 PM