



## William Avery

April 12, 1919 - February 25, 2008

William "Bill" Avery, age 88 of Fort Collins, Colorado, died February 25, 2008. Funeral service 9:00 AM Friday, February 29th in the Chapel at Good Samaritan Village, 508 West Trilby Rd., Fort Collins. Interment, with military honors, will be held at 11:00 AM Saturday at Crown Hill Cemetery in Coldwater, Kansas. A reception will follow. William Hough Avery, Jr. was born April 12, 1919 in Coldwater, KS to William and Dorothy Avery. He served in the First Armored Division as a Sergeant in the Army during WWII in North Africa and Italy. He married Esther Leeper on December 26, 1944 at the First Presbyterian Church in Louisville, Kentucky. They settled in Hutchinson, KS, and were longtime members of the Forest Park Presbyterian Church. Bill worked for 31 years in various positions for the Kansas State Industrial Reformatory in Hutchinson and retired in 1981. During their retirement, he and Esther traveled around the United States in an RV for five years prior to settling in Del Rio, Texas. In 1999, they moved into the Good Samaritan Community in Fort Collins. He was preceded in death by his beloved wife, Esther; his son G. Keith Avery; and his older daughter Carolyn Bloomberg. He is survived by his younger daughter, Rebecca Avery of Springfield, IL; son-in-law, John Bloomberg of Fort Collins; daughter-in-law, Linda Avery of Escondido, CA; six grandchildren, Jeanne Richardson, Jay Archer, Brent Avery, Tyrone Avery, Tiffany Avery and Lori Avery; and two great-grandchildren, Morgan Archer and Severin Archer. Bill's family requests that any memorial donations please be made to the American Diabetes Association or the Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation in care of Goes Funeral Care, 3665 Canal Drive, Fort Collins, CO 80524.

# Comments

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“ Bill was a good man! I have many fond memories from the summers he & Ester came to visit 'Brownie' & Edith Burt. My best remembrance is when Bill & I both got in trouble from Grandma Burt. I was not very old, Bill lifted me up and held me upside down, so I could 'walk' on the ceiling. Grandma wasn't real thrilled about having little footprints on the living room ceiling!!  
As I got older and went into law enforcement, he would share stories about his career in Hutchinson. Just an all around fine man to know.....an honor to say I knew him.  
Michael Burt

**Michael K. Burt** - February 25, 2008 at 12:00 AM

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“ I was one of Bill's nurses while he was a resident at Good Sam. He was a wonderful man, a gentleman in the fullest sense of the word, full of love for his family, and of life in general. It was a great honor and a privilege to care for him, and I am grateful that he was allowed to come into my life for that brief time. I know that he is now, finally at home, and free from pain. I pray for peace and comfort for you.  
Barbara Kroger, RN

**Barbara Kroger** - February 25, 2008 at 12:00 AM

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“ We are keeping your family in our prayers and thoughts in your time of loss. Love you.

**Marie And Dwight Richardson** - February 25, 2008 at 12:00 AM

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“ My Dad, Warren Niceley, heard about Bill's passing from an army friend, Kenneth Hicks from Arkansas. He was so sorry to hear of Bill's death. He and Bill shared many experiences during the war. Warren was small in stature and when he would get his motorcycle stuck in the mud Bill would always pull it out for him! They attended several 1st Armored Division reunions together in past years as well as visiting other times. Warren would really like to be in touch with Rebecca but he doesn't have her address. He would so appreciate it if you would get in touch with him at the above address or phone number when it is convenient.

With sympathy, the Niceley family

**Warren L Niceley** - February 25, 2008 at 12:00 AM