



William "Bill" Graham Lauer

June 23, 2020

William Graham Lauer, 89, passed away June 23rd, 2020. Known as Bill to his friends, and 'Popi' to his family, he was simply, the best man you could ever meet. Patient, caring, funny, honest, and filled with integrity – he loved his family, his country, his faith, and all that life offered. Though deeply missed now, he leaves a lasting legacy that exemplifies how high to aim in life and how to treat others.

Bill was born in Fort Collins, Colorado – a Fifth Generation Native – a true Colorado man. He was the ultimate fan of his Alma Mater, Colorado State University, where he received his degree in Civil Engineering and was a member of the Sigma Chi Fraternity. He also met the love of his life, Janie Johnson, whom he married in 1954. He served as a 1st Lieutenant of the U. S. Army in Germany from 1954 to 1956, then returned to Colorado to raise his family and to enjoy a remarkable, long career paving roads all over the region.

During the course of his life, he held many notable positions, including President of the Colorado Contractors Association, President of the Fort Collins Chamber of Commerce, President of the Asphalt Paving Committee, Chairman of the Associated General Contractors of America, Past President of McAtee Paving and President of Sterling Companies. He then achieved the certification as a Registered Engineer. He was awarded Contractor of the Year by the CCA and inducted into the Hall of Fame by CAPA. He also was on the CAPA Legislative Committee, the Planning Commission of the City of Greeley, and was an engineer for the Colorado Department of Highways. Additionally, Bill served on the board of the Fort Collins County Club, The Adriel Hills Homeowners Association, and was a member of the Elks Club, ROTC, and our Saviour's Lutheran Church. Chances are, you've driven down one of the roads he lovingly and proudly built to safely connect you to your neighbors; so smile next time you're out and about in the beautiful states of Wyoming and Colorado.

When he wasn't working, Bill was the most amazing husband, father, grandfather, and great-grandfather you could hope for. There was nothing he wouldn't do to see his loved ones happy, and he did it all genuinely and with boundless energy. It was once remarked that "it

just wasn't a good day for Bill unless he had a couple hundred miles under his belt." He also loved golfing, hunting, skiing and watching sports with a Fat Tire in hand – especially he CSU Rams.

Bill is preceded in death by his parents, Henry and Marcia Lauer. He's survived by two brothers, James and Edwin; by his wife, Janie; and his children, Lindsey Chandler (Tom), Pam King (Rex), Maury Cuje, John Lauer (Meaghan), and Kerry Daniel (Matt); as well as 16 grandchildren; and 6 great-grandchildren.

The family would like to offer their heartfelt gratitude to Fort Collins Pathways and Home Instead Senior Care for the excellent care they gave Bill. In particular, Susan, Kim, Linda and Jane. To honor Bill's memory, his family humbly requests contributions be made to Pathways Capital Campaign Fund, 305 Carpenter Road, Ft. Collins, CO 80525.

A private service for Bill's family will be held.

Comments



“ Dear Pam, Janie and family,

I am so sorry to hear of Bill's death; he indeed was a leader in Fort Collins who grew our town and made it the wonderful place it is today. Yes, he did make traveling down the road a much better journey; it is hard to think of so many dirt roads that made up Fort Collins at one time. Bill certainly made Fort Collins a nicer, and better, place from which to be. As a native I always appreciated all the people who made my town a wonderful place to grow up and have my family. I worked with Bill at the PVH Foundation and there too he built the hospital up to be a special place of healing. I'm sure you will miss him, his smile, his quiet sense of humor and the way he treated everyone with kindness, respect and genuine interest.

Stay well, grieve safely, and know your friends, family and colleagues have you in their thoughts, prayers and hearts.

Much love,
Julie

Julie (Pavel) Johnson Haffner
Windsor, CO

Julie Johnson Haffner - July 20 at 03:29 PM



“ To Janie and all the family members,
In the short time I have known you guys I know that this was a great loss to you all. What a Trooper Bill was to put up with me each morning bath-even before breakfast! He loved the foods Janie would make for him. And he loved to hear about and from the kids and the new babies. He was proud of his family and to have William named after him. It was wonderful to hear him join in the conversation when he was reminded of someone he new. They were good stories and he would get a kick out of them even telling some of his own memories. Janie, in the short time I've known you and Bill I know that you were a good wife, mother, and grandmother. He loved you very much and all of his family and friends. He will be missed.
With love and fond memories, Linda Marris-caregiver and friend

Linda Marris - July 16 at 02:39 AM



“ Dear Janie, Matt, Kerri, John, Gracie, Ava and family,
We are so sorry for the loss of your beloved husband and Popi. When we first met Bill, we were welcomed into his home and felt a part of your family. We will never forget spending Christmas with your family in Fort Collins. We were new to Colorado without any family in the area so we were so graciously invited to spend the holiday

with you all and bring a our new puppy that was not yet potty trained! Bill was such a good listener and truly made us feel right at home. His kind, inclusive, hard working, loving spirit is in all of you. What a beautiful legacy. You are all close to our hearts during this time.

Love, Blake, Tracy, Jordan and Nolan Ebel (and Bella, that puppy that is now 9 years old)

Blake and Tracy Ebel - July 09 at 03:14 AM



“ Bill, Janie, Merl and Janet came to visit us in Arizona. We really will miss being able to enjoy a great person and GENTLEman. Could have shared a lot of pictures of our tailgate times at football games but suffice to say it was a pleasure to know and be a friend of such a great guy.

Love Ya Bill,
Randy & Carol Gorby

Randy - July 07 at 06:53 PM



“ 4 files added to the tribute wall



Randy & Carol Gorby - July 07 at 06:45 PM



“ Janie, Please know I especially miss Bill. I considered him a good and true friend as I do you also. Now I know the road to heaven in paved, I suspect with asphalt.
Craig Pascal

Craig Pascal - July 07 at 04:07 PM



“ Dear Janie and family, my very long ago memory of Bill was as a three year old I got to ride on the back of his big tricycle! Bill was about 6. So sorry for your loss! Nancy Howell Bailey

Nancy Howell Bailey - July 07 at 11:44 AM



“ Janie, Kerri, John, and all family,
So sorry for your loss. Bill was a fine gentleman and father. I remember him as calm (in front of us) but always being present as my children and yours were teenagers. May God Bless and Guide him straight to heaven. Love Julie & Jerry Brocious

Brocious - July 07 at 09:57 AM



“ We are saddened by the passing of one of the finest men we've ever known,
with love and caring thoughts to you, Janie,
Sandy and Bob Flockhart

Sandra Flockhart - July 02 at 11:16 PM



“ To Janie, Lindsey, Pam and Maury,
My thoughts are with you and the rest of the family at this time. I have good memories of being around your house. May you find peace in the memories you hold tight to.
Rhonda Sharritt Woodall

Rhonda Woodall - July 02 at 01:57 AM



“ Planning Mission Hills Memorial Day Parade and Picnics were always delightful.
Suzie

Suzie Smith - June 27 at 11:44 AM