



William E. Rister

October 4, 2019

Bill Rister, age 74, passed away on Friday, Oct. 4, 2019, at his home surrounded by his loved ones. The eldest of six children, Bill was born in El Paso, TX, on Nov. 15, 1944. Even from an early age, his warm and gregarious nature shined through, and he has stayed closely bonded with his childhood friends throughout life. Bill was always an adventurous and athletic soul. He competed in the National Junior Olympics (butterfly stroke), was a pitcher for the University of Texas Austin, a self-taught diver, a volunteer ski patrolman, a licensed pilot, and he raced sailboats while living in San Diego. He felt most at peace in nature, and he loved backpacking, fly fishing, cycling, and skiing. Bill also had a love for science and math, which initially led him to a career in the Aerospace Industry. It was during a fateful business trip in 1969 that he met a captivating flight attendant and fell madly in love. Bill and Jill were married on Oct. 25, 1969. They would have two children, Julie and Brad, and two grandchildren, Connor and Kailey. He was a dedicated and loving father and grandfather. In 1974, Bill started a new career as a Certified Public Accountant, a fitting role for a man who loved nothing more than helping others and was a dedicated provider and friend. He cared deeply for his friends and clients, many being one and the same, and he loved being a part of some truly wonderful clubs like the Poudre Sunrise Cyclist and Ski Meisters. A Celebration of Life will be held on his birthday, Nov. 15. In lieu of flowers, please donate to your favorite charity.

Tribute Wall



“ *William E. Rister*

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“ *Bill was a dear friend of mine for more than 25 years. I first met him when I taught a course in business valuation for the American Institute of CPAs in the early 1990s when he and Jill lived in El Paso. He later became the tax advisor to my beloved bride and me. He was a rock-solid family man who loved his wife and children. He was also a world-class financial advisor who took great care of small-business owners like my wife and me.*

After he sent me some pictures of a fly-fishing excursion he had taken to Alaska a couple of years ago, he and I agreed that we needed to take a fishing trip together. He knew some of the trout streams and rivers of Wyoming, so we had planned go there in 2020. I'm enormously saddened that that trip won't happen.

Dorothy and I send our love and prayers to Jill, Julie, and Brad. We will keep Bill and his family in our prayers. We are so sad. So very, very sad.

Warren Miller - October 10, 2019 at 03:06 PM



“ *Bill became a close friend through Raintree Athletic Club. For years I looked forward to every Monday at 1:30 when I could work out with Bill and we could share the events of our lives. We often laughed throughout our workouts, crediting our mutual “smartassery” for our close friendship. Bill, I love you and will cherish our friendship forever. 💜*

Sandy Aldern - October 08, 2019 at 09:39 PM