



William "Bud" Saunders Jr.

August 14, 1930 - July 29, 2009

William W. "Bud" Saunders Jr. (78) of Zillah passed away in the presence of his family after a long battle with cancer on Wednesday, July 29 at Yakima Regional Hospital. He was born August 14, 1930 in Yakima to William and Lillian (Lyons) Saunders Sr. He worked for Golden Gate Hop Ranches/ S.S. Steiner starting out as a laborer and worked his way up to production manager. Bud was a member of the Masonic Lodge, Eastern Star, Granger Lions Club which he participated in their many activities. He was one of the proud founders of the Granger Alumni Assn. He traveled to Central China on three different occasions for work. He enjoyed fishing, learning new things, his lunches with the Yakima Engineers Club and he and his wife traveled the world extensively. Survivors include his wife, Joan of Zillah; children Karen (Brian) Wells of Toppenish and David (Rosemary) Saunders of Yakima; three grandchildren, Jason Wells of Lansing, MI, Chris and Greg Saunders both of Olympia; three brothers, Louie Saunders of Orcas Island, Herb Saunders of Olympia and Jim Saunders; four sisters, Donna Thompson of Yakima, Arlene Cheney of Milton-Freewater, OR, Edmona Saunders of Orcas Island and Verna Saunders of Yakima. Mr. Saunders was preceded in death by his parents; one brother, Fred and one sister, Martha. Visitation will be on Sunday August 2, 2009 from 3-6PM at Colonial Funeral Home. Funeral Services will be on Monday August 3, 2009 at Colonial Funeral Home at 10AM. Interment will follow at the Zillah City Cemetery. Friends may send condolences at www.toppenishfunerals.com. The family suggests memorial contributions be made

to the Granger Alumni Association P.O. Box 1; Granger, WA 98932. Colonial
Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements

Previous Events

Visitation

AUG 2. 3:00 PM - 6:00 PM (PT)

Colonial Funeral Home
228 S. Alder
Toppenish, WA

Service

AUG 3. 10:00 AM (PT)

Colonial Funeral Home
228 S. Alder
Toppenish, WA

Tribute Wall



“ *William "Bud" Saunders Jr.*

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“ *Joan, Karen and Family,*

So sorry to hear of Bud's passing. I truly enjoyed working with him on all the Eastern Star programs these past years at Instant Press. I'll always remember his great smile and great jokes. My thoughts and prayers are with you all.

All my love. Betty Pace##imported-begin##Betty Smith Pace##imported-end##

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“ *To the Family,*

Charlotte and I want to add our deepest sympathies to all those you have received. We shall join you in our thoughts even though our health prevents us from attending the services. Ken and Charlotte Pope##imported-begin##W. B. Kenneth W. Pope##imported-end##

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“ Hi Family in Wa,

I'm so sorry we can't be there, but Anna and I have been talking about and remembering Uncle Bug. Anna's favorite time was when Uncle Bug gave her a huge bowl of ice cream. Madelyn says her favorite time was when Uncle Bug tickled her, "because that's what Anna said."

We miss you guys and will be thinking of all you.

*All Our Love,
Marilyn, Mark, Anna and Madelyn##imported-begin##Marilyn
Wentworth##imported-end##*

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