



William "Bill" E Gosnell

June 20, 1932 - September 20, 2024

William E. Gosnell (Bill), age 92, passed peacefully at home in St. George, UT on September 20, 2024. He was born June 20, 1932, in Woodbine, MD to Willard and Jane Gosnell. He married Jean Shaulis on August 11, 1956, in Hershey, PA.

Bill grew up on a farm in Woodbine, MD and told many stories about the long hours and challenges faced, but also about the joy of the family working together and of the connection to the land and the animals. The creative ingenuity and work ethic he developed while working on the farm served him well for the rest of his life. After graduating from Mt. Airy High School, he joined the US Navy in 1951 and served until 1955. He worked at Baltimore Gas and Electric in Baltimore, MD and Calvert County, MD for 18 years. In 1973, he took advantage of an opportunity to explore the west and moved the family to Rock Springs, Wyoming where he worked at the Jim Bridger Power Plant until retirement in 1990. After retirement Bill and Jean enjoyed traveling primarily in the western US. Bill also spent many happy hours digging for fish fossils in Kemmerer, WY and creating woodworking projects in his garage. Throughout his life he enjoyed listening to music (especially Polka music!) and dancing. In his later years he enjoyed going out to breakfast with his friends and spending time with his pet bird Mr. Grayson. Bill was a kind and caring person who always tried to see the positive side of every experience. He was also fiercely independent and worked hard to adapt so that he could stay in

his home, a feat that he accomplished with help from family and friends in later years. We all miss his easy smile and wise, kind and gentle presence.

Bill is survived by his three children Pamela Wright and her husband Mike of Fairbanks, AK, Carol Niegisch and her husband Bob of Bow, NH, and Martha Politsch and her husband Steve of Anchorage, AK, 8 grandchildren and 13 great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his wife Jean, brothers Tom and John, and sister Mary.

His family would like to thank all the doctors, nurses, and staff at Intermountain Health Care and Advanced Home Health and Hospice for the excellent care they provided him.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made in his name to Primary Children's Hospital in Salt Lake City, UT, or the American Cancer Society.

Bill's final resting place will be at Tonaquint Cremation Garden. A celebration of life will be held in November 2024. Family and friends will be notified of the exact date and time.

Tribute Wall



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