



## William "Bill" Nuckolls

October 23, 1947 - November 8, 2010

William "Bill" Huston Nuckolls, age 63 passed away from a long illness on November 08, 2010 at his home in Basin City with his wife of 43 yrs by his side. Friends and Family are welcome to join us at graveside services to be held Friday, Nov. 12, 2010 at 2:00 p.m., at Country View Cemetery in Basin City, WA. The cemetery is located at 7000 Sheffield Rd. A Celebration of life, in honor of Bill will be at 1:00 p.m., Saturday, Nov. 20, 2010, at the home of Cody & Debby Easterday, 830 Bellflower Rd. Basin City, WA

He was born in Wenatchee, WA on October 23, 1947. Bill was the youngest of three children born to John & Lillian (Gallagher) Nuckolls. The family raised cattle on a ranch outside of Moses Lake on Stratford Rd. He attended school in Moses Lake graduating in 1966.

Bill married his high school sweetheart and love of his life Kathy Graham in 1967. They moved to Quincy, Washington where he worked for Don & Bill Hutsell at Quincy Livestock. In 1968 he went to work at Japan Airlines as a Maintenance worker. The following year after the birth of their first daughter Kelly, he went to work for Producers Livestock Auction in Quincy Washington. Bill & Kathy then moved to Wilbur where he worked for Lincoln Mutual. In 1971 he was given a chance to fulfill his lifelong dream of becoming a cattle buyer for Cudahy Pack and moved the family to the Tri-Cities. When the company closed its doors, Bill went to work for McGregor feedlot as a cattle buyer. The following year his daughter Debby was born. His job lead him to travel extensively but his time at home was devoted to his family. He enjoyed

spending time at the Benton-Franklin Fair watching his children show steers and horses. He volunteered as a 4-H leader, Market Stock member and was the Business Manager for Washington State High School Rodeo. During summers, the family would join him in his travels. He always took time to make the trip memorable while in pursuit of a cow. In 1986 he went into partnership at the feedlot he was working for that became known as L&N Feeders. The following year Bill sold the feedlot and farmed for a short while. The next few years he went into partnership with his brother Rod owning and running Quincy Livestock and later purchased Toppenish Livestock. Due to his declining health he sold the companies and went to work for his son-in-law at Easterday Ranches. Until the end he did what he loved to do buying cattle at the weekly sales with his wife by his side.

Bill is survived by; his wife Kathy (Graham) Nuckolls, his daughters Kelly Malloy (Mark), Debby Easterday (Cody), his grandchildren Ashley Batiste, Kylie, Masen and Kaden Malloy. Kody Dee, Cole, Clay, and Cutter Easterday. Brother Rod Nuckolls (Nancy), Sister Sue Stewart (Bud), Sister In-laws, Jackie Knighten, and Judy Burns (Clyde) and numerous nieces and nephews. Proceeded in death by his parents John & Lillian Nuckolls, Mother and Father in law Ken & Jean Graham, brother in-law Neil Knighten, and friend Dave Rickenbach.

The family would like to thank the many doctors and nurses who helped him. Bill's battles started as an infant being born with a club foot spending most of his youth in and out of Shriners Hospital. He fought many courageous battles with his health throughout his life. If you would like to make a donation in his behalf to the Shriners, the address is: 911 w. 5th Avenue, Spokane, WA 99204, or online at [shrinershq.org](http://shrinershq.org).

For all that knew him he will be remembered for his strength and love of life and missed dearly by his family, close friends and many associates in the cattle industry.

# Previous Events

## Service

NOV 12. 2:00 PM (PT)

Country View Cemetery  
7000 Sheffield Road  
Mesa, WA

# Tribute Wall



“ *The entire Ossman family would like to express our deepest, most sincere condolences to Bill's family.*

*Anyone who has ever been the cattle business during the last 40+ yrs surely knew this Great man. This world now lacks one very fine cowboy; but,  
His legacy lives on thru all of you, his very large extended family.  
God speed Bill.  
The Ossman's  
Seven Arrow Ranch##imported-begin##Jeff & Melanie  
Ossman##imported-end##*

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November 20, 2010 at 11:40 AM



“ *Kathy and family - please accept the deepest sympathy from the MLHS Class of 1966. We will be honoring Bill at a memorial service at our 45th reunion in August, 2011. Having lost my husband of 37 years almost 3 years ago, I know the how very difficult this time is for you. Take care of yourself.##imported-begin##Gail Higgins Garcelon##imported-end##*

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November 18, 2010 at 12:52 PM



“ *Thoughts and prayers for each of you! I remember Bill from a long time ago...##imported-begin##Tracy Meier Wesselman##imported-end##*

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November 16, 2010 at 04:42 PM



“ Kathy and family, Sorry to hear about your loss. God needed a cattle buyer he wanted Bill to be the one. May God be with you and your family.

Sincerely,  
Cassandra Butler Burke##imported-begin##Cassandra Butler  
Burke##imported-end##

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November 13, 2010 at 03:40 PM



“ Dear Kathy and family; We were so sorry to hear that Bill passed away! Our thoughts and prayers are with you all. Sincerely, Cathy & Paul Kersey##imported-begin##Paul & Cathy Kersey##imported-end##

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November 12, 2010 at 09:09 PM



“ So saddened to hear about Bill's death and want you all to know that my thoughts and prayers are with you.##imported-begin##Ranee Shade Shafer##imported-end##

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November 12, 2010 at 03:50 AM



“ Kathy, and family,  
Our deepest symphony. You are in our thoughts and prayers. Bill is gone but not forgotten.

Stan and Rita Butler

May God Bless you and yours.##imported-begin##Stan and Rita  
Butler##imported-end##

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November 12, 2010 at 12:14 AM



“ Kathy and Family, so sorry to hear of your loss. My thoughts and prayers are with you.##imported-begin##Dianne Bernard##imported-end##

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November 12, 2010 at 12:03 AM



“ I will always remember how Bill helped take care of my horse, Hey Boy, when I was in the Moses Lake Rodeo royalty in the early 60s. He and Sam Garvin were absolutely wonderful to all of the girls that year. He was a true cowboy and I will always be grateful for the kindness he showed us. RIP Bill and say hi to that big old buckskin for me.##imported-begin##Kathie King##imported-end##

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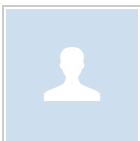
November 11, 2010 at 09:54 PM



“ I'm really sorry for your loss. Bill was a fine, fine gentleman. He was always a willing and big help to me in my work. He will be sorely missed in the livestock industry. God Bless, Jack.##imported-begin##Jack E. Getz, USDA Market News (retired)##imported-end##

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November 11, 2010 at 09:00 PM



“ I'm very sorry to hear about Bill. I haven't seen him for many years. He was a very nice person.##imported-begin##Greg Hansen##imported-end##

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November 11, 2010 at 06:41 PM



“ In the agriculture industry Bill was one of the finest operators and buyers. It was always a pleasure to work with Bill - a real gentleman in the cowbuyer world. I'm sure if God needs any help with his livestock He's got Bill right in the middle of it.##imported-begin##Pam Donaldson##imported-end##

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November 11, 2010 at 02:14 PM



“ God Speed, and God Bless you "Billy". I remember our youth, and riding your pinto "Zip". A good part of our world has left.##imported-begin##Bill Robinson##imported-end##

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November 11, 2010 at 07:10 AM



“ We had many special trips with Bill, Kathy and friends throughout the years. There was always time for fun parties and lots of laughter. Bill will be missed.##imported-begin##Bill & Jeannie Webber##imported-end##

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November 10, 2010 at 01:42 PM



“ Cathy and family  
Sorry to hear of your loss. Our thoughts are with you.

Jim##imported-begin##James Fernandez##imported-end##

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November 10, 2010 at 12:09 PM