



William "Bill" Rathbone

February 3, 1927 - August 1, 2010

William L. "Bill" Rathbone 83, longtime Moses Lake resident, passed away Sunday August 1, 2010 at his home.

Bill was born near Lynden, WA at the family home on February 3, 1927. His schooling was at the Lynden schools, graduating from high school in 1945.

He attended Washington State College at Pullman in 1947 and 1948. While there he met Joyce Hartmann of Wenatchee, WA. They were married in Wenatchee on January 1, 1949.

After living in Wenatchee and Lynden, Bill moved his family to Moses Lake in February, 1959. He was employed by Thompson Equipment Co. the International Harvester dealer.

In July of 1975 he formed his own farm equipment business, Rathbone Sales, Inc. He remained in the business until his illness in 2009, retiring at age 82.

Bill had three loves: his family, his farm equipment business, and his draft and harness horses.

He was a Lifetime Member of the Columbia Basin Elks Lodge # 1930. Also, he had been honored to be the "Man of the Year" in 2001 by the Columbia Basin Rodeo Association.

He is survived by his wife, Joyce, at the family home. Also, by three sons all of Moses Lake: Todd (Pam) and their sons Sam and Ben; Glen and his son Jason; Doug (Denise) and their children Scott, Courtney, and Tabitha. He is also survived by his sister Elaine Knudsen (Les) of Bellingham, and a niece

and several nephews.

He was preceded in death by his daughter, Anne Holloway, in 1994. Her children are Lisa Laughter (Amanda) and daughter Ellie of Pullman, and Sheila Richard (Rob) and daughter Ashley of Spokane.

He was also preceded in death by his brother Dave of Salem, Oregon, in 2001, and his sister Adele of Bellingham in 2005.

Funeral Services will be held at 2:00 p.m. Saturday, August 7, 2010 at Kayser's Chapel of Memories, Moses Lake , Washington. Interment will follow in Pioneer Memorial Gardens. Arrangements are in care of Kayser's Chapel & Crematory, Moses Lake. Visitation will be on Friday August 6, 2010 from 8:00 a.m. until 7:00 p.m.

Previous Events

Visitation

AUG 6. 8:00 AM - 7:00 PM (PT)

Kayser's Chapel of Memories
831 S. Pioneer Way
Moses Lake, WA

Service

AUG 7. 2:00 PM (PT)

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Tribute Wall



“ *our deepest sympathies. Bill was a good friend and I enjoyed doing business with him and the family.*

Lee Walker##imported-begin##lee&wendy walker&elizabeth hendrickson##imported-end##

August 07, 2010 at 03:35 PM



“ *Todd,Pam,Glen,Jason and Family,*

I am sorry to read about your dad. I know how close you all were.I know he will live on in your hearts.

*With Sympathy,
Elaine Cummins*

Kirkland, WA##imported-begin##Elaine Cummins##imported-end##

August 07, 2010 at 01:48 PM



“ *We are so sorry for your family's loss. We feel very honored to have known Bill thru the years. Sincerely, Doug & Sandi and family##imported-begin##Doug & Sandi Berg##imported-end##*

August 06, 2010 at 03:51 PM



“ Dearest Joyce and boys,

*I was sad at hearing of the passing of Bill. Kind, gentle man.
Trustworthy. Smart, too.*

My mother will be upset by this, as you two were special to her.

*The arms of God's comfort and blessings on you, Joyce.
Love, Nancy##imported-begin##Nancy (Kinkade) Leff##imported-
end##*

August 06, 2010 at 01:37 PM



“ Dear Joyce and family...all of us at MacDon are saddened by Bill's passing. He was a great guy, and of course..an excellent friend to MacDon. We always enjoyed the times we spent with Bill, Joyce & the boys, whether in Moses Lake or at one of our business/social events. Please accept our most sincere condolences..no doubt he will be missed by all with whom he came into contact.##imported-begin##Paul Jeffrey##imported-end##

August 06, 2010 at 01:19 PM



“ Our deepest sympathies for your husband and father. Bill was so kind to us as a fellow buisness man and as a draft horse enthusiast. He was always friendly and a joy to visit with and we are blessed to have known him. May God be with you as you morn his passing.##imported-begin##Randy and Sally Lustig##imported-end##

August 05, 2010 at 04:08 PM



“ Just remembering our relationship over the last 35 years with fond memories. We have had some difficult times over the years and Bill was always a true friend to help us with kindness. He will be truly missed.##imported-begin##Rudy and Sally Laufer##imported-end##

August 05, 2010 at 01:27 AM



“ We are so for your loss and pray that you find comfort in each other during this hard time.##imported-begin##Betes Family##imported-end##

August 04, 2010 at 11:28 PM



“ Joyce and All
Bill was probably the nicest person we knew and he will be greatly missed. We really enjoyed the visits we had in Bellingham with the two of you. Our love and prayers are with you.##imported-begin##Bill & Jackie Boyle##imported-end##

August 04, 2010 at 09:37 PM



“ Glen,

I know this must be a difficult time. I am sorry for your loss. I wish you peace and comfort as you work through your grieving.

Sincerely,
Connie##imported-begin##Connie Cummins##imported-end##

August 03, 2010 at 02:32 PM



“ To the Rathbone family I extend my sincere sympathy for your loss. Bill was a great man. I enjoyed our association in business through the years. He will be missed by many. My prayers are with you.

Jess Morris##imported-begin##Jess Morris##imported-end##

August 02, 2010 at 09:18 PM



“ We send lots of hugs your way during this time of loss. Bill was a good friend to us, and he will be missed by many. Our thoughts and prayers go out to the entire family.

Gene & Bonnie##imported-begin##Gene & Bonnie
Polhamus##imported-end##

August 02, 2010 at 02:58 PM