



William E. "Willie" Bonaudi

April 1, 1917 - August 15, 2011

William Edward Bonaudi

Today my daddy said goodbye. I had known Willie Bonaudi (William E. Bonaudi, Pop, Daddy) all my life. He arrived in Sheridan, WY in 1917, some four years after the birth of his brother Chuck. His mother arrived in this country from Torino, Italy and somehow found her way out west as a cook for coal mining camps. How they settled in Cle Elum is still much a mystery, but good luck anyway as this was where he met and married my mom Dorothy. Pop had such pride and love for his family and was so very generous. I can't imagine growing up without knowing you were loved. My baby sister Judy and I sure received constant support and affection. We lost my mom and Judy 10 and 30 years ago respectively, so my family and I were the focus of all that support and love he had to give. Pop loved the outdoors and made a friend of almost everyone he met. He probably helped more folks catch their first fish than anyone. He loved pheasant hunting in Moses Lake on his sister-in-law Beverly McDonald's farm. He really enjoyed visiting with his nine great grandchildren, watching them and their parents grow and develop. Special to him was his chance to pin his granddaughter Kris at her nursing graduation from Big Bend. He vividly remembered attending Nevada Wolfpack football with his grandson Matt and watching grandson Mark play football in the cold Nevada fall. He established a scholarship in Dorothy's name with the Big Bend Community College Foundation to support art students, a passion of

my mother. Most recently, probably due to Kris's graduation as a nurse, he focused the scholarship as a family scholarship in support of nursing students. Those of us who are left with the very best, most precious memories are myself William C. Bonaudi of Moses Lake, granddaughter Kristina Hendrickson of Moses Lake, grandson Matthew W. Bonaudi of Gambier, Ohio, grandson 1st Lt. Mark R. Bonaudi of Lacey, WA, sister-in-law Beverly McDonald of Othello, eight great-granddaughters and one great-grandson. Remembrances can be made in his name to the Big Bend Community College Foundation.

A memorial service will be held at the Masto Conference Center on the campus of Big Bend Community College in Moses Lake at 10:30 a.m. on Friday, August 26, 2011.

Previous Events

Service

AUG **26**. 10:30 AM (PT)

Big Bend Community College/Masto Conf. Center
7662 Chanute St. Bldg. 1800
Moses Lake, WA

Tribute Wall



“ *Billy and Family, I am so sorry you lost your dad. Memories warm the heart...An old friend...##imported-begin##Jeanette St. Germain Petty##imported-end##*

August 31, 2011 at 02:21 AM



“ *Bill & Karen -- we are sorry for your loss and know you will miss your Dad so much. He was a "sweetie" for sure and such a delight to be around. You are in our prayers, Mike & Joyce##imported-begin##Mike & Joyce Mulliken##imported-end##*

August 30, 2011 at 10:28 AM



“ *Dear Dr. Bonaudi & Family,
I just read about the loss of your dad. He sounded like a great man. My thoughts and sympathy to you and your family. Take care.
Irene##imported-begin##IRENE OSUMI##imported-end##*

August 29, 2011 at 05:57 PM



“ *So sorry for your loss. Time is the secret to healing.##imported-begin##Barbara Harris##imported-end##*

August 26, 2011 at 09:36 PM



“ *My thoughts and prayers are with the Bonaudi family at this time.##imported-begin##Chanda Mckinney##imported-end##*

August 22, 2011 at 02:34 PM



“ Dr. and Mrs. Bonaudi, please accept our condolences on your father's passing. I was interested to learn that our families' paths may have crossed at one time. My dad lived in Sheridan, Wyoming, from 1925-1942, and my brother was born there.##imported-begin##Susan Blackwell##imported-end##

August 21, 2011 at 06:00 PM



“ We have many fond memories of the good times with Bill and Dorothy. A picnic on the Teanaway, Fishing vacation at Curlew Lake and many other special occasions. They will always be remembered as very dear friends. Our sympathy to the family our thoughts are with you.##imported-begin##Chuck and Dorothy Francis##imported-end##

August 20, 2011 at 03:34 PM



“ Hi, Bonaudi Family - just want to add my name to the many who remember the Gentle Man, Mr. Bonaudi. I know the memories will be ever present as you think of him often with a smile in your heart. I will be thinking of you guys through the coming days and trust you will find your ways to be peaceful.

Joy##imported-begin##Joy Ricks##imported-end##

August 18, 2011 at 03:18 PM



“ *Bill, Karen and family;
We are so sorry to hear about your dad's passing. A great loss for
you; a very special man.*

*Bob & Jackie##imported-begin##Bob & Jackie Wills##imported-
end##*

August 18, 2011 at 11:32 AM