

William Bert "Bill" Struckman, 87, passed away peacefully in the comfort of his home on Friday, October 22, 2021, surrounded by his family.

Bill was born on August 18, 1934, to Ernest and Lillian (Piche) Struckman. He attended school through the 8th grade at Midway School then went on to Savage High School graduating in 1952.

After graduation Bill, Bud Peterson and Buford Rice decided to take a road trip and headed to Las Vegas, NV. He decided after this trip that he was not a traveler and didn't want to leave the farm again unless it was to get on his horse "Sam" and go on a trail ride with his good friend, Roy Vallejo.

Bill married Eileen Huber and to this union they had Tim, Vickie, JoDee and Brenda.

On July 17, 1982, Bill married the love of his life and best friend, Carol Stanford, together they had Billy and Laura. From this marriage he gained step kids, Tony, Randy and Holly.

Bill grew up farming and ranching with his Dad, many people said they were a mirror image of each other and were always attached at the hip. He learned from his Dad that you could fix anything, whether it was "red neck" using duct tape, old inner tubes or an old belt it always seemed to work and many of these fixes can still be seen somewhere on the farm. Through the years, Bill has passed these traits down to his children and grandchildren.

Bill was a humble, quiet man with a strong work ethic. He was always tinkering around and building many things; some of his accomplishments were the many guns he made, a couple airplanes, and a hang glider (which resulted in a broken nose). He enjoyed playing cards, reading books, playing his harmonica and watching Western movies. Even when his memory started to fade, he could still name all the cast members of Gunsmoke.

Bill always looked forward to working with the cattle especially our annual brandings, he enjoyed having all the family and friends gather. Even though he wasn't able to help he was still able to come out and enjoy his last branding this year. Rocky mountain oysters will never taste the same without him cooking them on the branding iron burner.

Bill loved his horses and even in his 80's he still thought he could break a horse. We all thought Carol was going to have a heart attack every time he headed to the corrals. One day, Bill convinced Gage to lead him around once he finally thought he could get on Moonie, but to their surprise the horse wouldn't move no matter what they did.

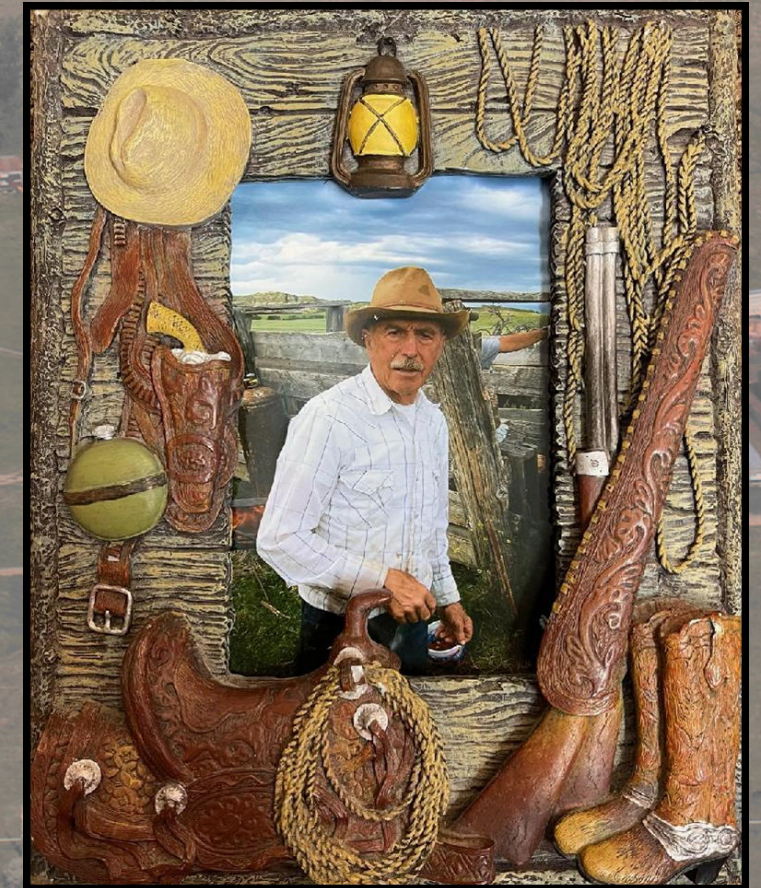
Bill was a man of few words but touched the lives of all that knew him. He will be missed by so many.

Bill is survived by his wife of 39 years, Carol, his sons, Tim Struckman, Billy Struckman, Tony (Dani) Jensen, Randy (Chantel) Jensen, his daughters, Vickie Struckman, Brenda Struckman, Laura (Grant) Winters, Holly (Jeff) Moore, his sisters, Gail (Jim) Stewart, Linda (Jim) Hallock, Tami (Cris) Cavanaugh, grandchildren, Josh (Keri) Bergerson, Jesse Bergerson, Bridget & Malachi Struckman, Brooks & Townes Winters, Brooke (Austin) Papka, Kassidee (Trevor) Tracy, Ryan Jensen, Austin Jensen, Gage (Sydney) Salsbury, Brynn Salsbury, Jakub, Carter & Nick Moore, Brooke Schmitt, Lexi Joslin, and 6 great grandchildren and one on the way. In-laws, Pete & Joyce Sifers, Jeff Sifers, Janet Croxton, Jerry Price, Mike Anderson, Ron (Donna) Stanford, Mona (Ron) Bailey, Shelia (Mike) Blohm.

Bill is preceded in death by his parents, Ernest and Lillian, daughter, JoDee Bergerson, in-laws, Rosella Sifers, Harold and Christina Stanford, sister in-laws, Calena Anderson and Kay Price, brother in-law, Melvin Croxton.



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Memory
William Bert Struckman
August 18, 1934 ~ October 22, 2021
"Bill"





Bill Struckman

Born to Ernest & Lillian Struckman
August 18, 1934~Sidney, Montana

Passed Away
October 22, 2021~Savage, Montana

Family Service

Fulkerson's Memorial Chapel~Sidney, Montana
6:00PM Wednesday October 27, 2021
Pastor Richard Evans~Sidney Nazarene Church

Mass of Christian Burial

11:00AM Thursday October 28, 2021
St. Matthew's Catholic Church
Sidney, Montana

Presider

Father Jim O'Neil

Music

Kathy Bidegaray Mary Beth Carda

Casketbearers

Kassidee Tracy Ryan Jensen Austin Jensen
Brooke Papka Gage Salsbury Brynn Salsbury
Malachi Struckman Bridget Struckman

Ushers

Corey Salsbury Todd Dehner

Luncheon will be served following the service
at Ned Shinnick Hall



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I Never Left You

I watch you every day
I am always very near
I know deep in your heart
You realize I am here
I watch you while you sleep
In your bed at home
I hear you when you speak to me
When you are on your own
You cannot understand
The reason why I have gone
But I will never leave you
I am there to keep you strong
Talk to me I hear you
Though you may not see
We share an unbroken bond
That will always be
Death won't keep us apart
For our love is forever
Just remember me in your heart
And one day we will be together
Live your life and live it full
don't waste a single day
Remember I am always with you
Every step of the way

John F Connor

