



## William "Bill" E. Burleson

February 4, 1929 - September 28, 2015

William Edgar (Bill) Burleson passed away September 28, 2015, in Willcox, Arizona at the age of 86.

Bill was born February 4, 1929 to Henry Love and Emma (Loesberg) Burleson in Bandera, Texas.

He enlisted in the U.S. Army in March of 1947 and served his duties as a Stock Clerk in Occupational Japan. He received his Honorable Discharge in February 1950.

On December 29, 1950 he married Anna Jo (Cox) in Lordsburg, New Mexico. Shortly after, Bill became employed by El Paso Natural Gas Company. His job took him to a few different locations, but around 1953 he was transferred back to the Willcox Station where he remained until his retirement in February 1986.

Bill had several hobbies but his passions were hunting and music. In 1953 he purchased his first guitar and was a self-taught musician. He became quite known in the area for his unique rhythm guitar skills, and played this same guitar until he was unable to master the strings any longer. He was also known for his welding skills and has many structures around the area.

Bill is survived by his wife Ann, son Charlie (Jane) of Prescott Valley, Arizona, daughters Arlene (Eddie) Whelan of Exeter, California and Kim Moore (Randy Sholl) of Willcox.

He is also survived by his grandchildren, Kristi (Jimmy) Andrew, DeAnn Whelan, Sheri (Pete) Sandoval, Billy Burleson, Donnis Black (Jimmy Hudson)

and Levi (Suzi) Black. He leaves 20 great-grandchildren and 4 great-great-grandchildren with 1 on the way.

At Bill's request, no services will be held. Contributions may be made to the Charles W. Leighton Hospice in his memory.

# Cemetery Details

## **Westlawn Crematory**

105 S. Arizona Ave.  
Willcox, AZ 85643

# Tribute Wall



“ *William "Bill" E. Burleson*

January 30, 2023 at 12:50 AM



“ *My condolences for The Burleson family. Bill was a great guy, always had a way of making you smile. He will be missed by many. God bless you all & may he rest in peace.*

**Vicki Motes** - November 13, 2015 at 09:41 AM



“ *I was not aware of Bill's passing. I spent many happy hours fishing at Angostura lake and San Carlos with Bill. His cooking was the finest product of the culinary arts. He made sure everyone was fed and made the best enchiladas I have ever eaten. His elk meat Burros were excellent as well. The campfire stories made everyone laugh. He was a man who loved his family and was a role model for all of us. Bill I miss you. Ed O'Connell*

**Ed O'Connell** - October 29, 2015 at 09:04 PM



“ *So sorry for your loss.*



**Linda Torres** - October 15, 2015 at 09:03 PM

LB

“ *LaDonna Burgess lit a candle in memory of William "Bill" E. Burluson*



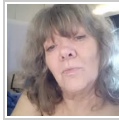
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**LaDonna Burgess** - October 13, 2015 at 01:12 AM



“ *Prayers to The Burluson family. He was quite a character, although he and my dad never met, I always made sure I stuck my head in his room to see how he was doing. I know they are in a better place. But they are all missed greatly*



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**Chele Brewer** - October 12, 2015 at 09:53 PM



*Sending love and prayers for Arlene, Kim, and Geneva <3*

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**Deborah Moody** - October 12, 2015 at 11:28 PM

BR

“ *Bill used to love the Apple Dumplings I made at my restrarant. Grammys' Place*

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**Bonnie Reid** - October 12, 2015 at 09:47 PM

JC

“ *Uncle Bill was one of my favorite uncles. He taught me how to make country gravy and to appreciate western music. I will always remember Aunt Ann and my cousins with fond memories in Willcox. Johnny Clark*

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**John Clark** - October 12, 2015 at 09:33 PM

DeAnn Whelan

“ I love my Gpa so very much and miss him dearly. I thank you gpa for all the fun amazing memories. Thank you. I love you forever

DeAnn Whelan - October 12, 2015 at 08:11 PM

ED

“ Esther Dixon lit a candle in memory of William "Bill" E. Burleson



Esther Dixon - October 12, 2015 at 08:10 PM

NF

“ Noel & Arlene Forsyth lit a candle in memory of William "Bill" E. Burleson



Noel & Arlene Forsyth - September 30, 2015 at 05:07 PM

NC

“ Nick & Lynn Cleckler lit a candle in memory of William "Bill" E. Burleson



Nick & Lynn Cleckler - September 29, 2015 at 12:11 PM

PM

“ *Our deepest sympathy to the family of Bill Burleson. May each of you feel God's presence during this time of loss.*

*Our thoughts and prayers.*

*Pete and Patsy McCanne*



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**Patsy McCanne** - September 29, 2015 at 09:30 AM

 Christine Early

“ *Christine Early lit a candle in memory of William "Bill" E. Burleson*



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**Christine Early** - September 29, 2015 at 09:10 AM



“ *Betsy Ajeman lit a candle in memory of William "Bill" E. Burleson*



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**Betsy Ajeman** - September 29, 2015 at 08:25 AM