

William "Bill" Stroud

June 18, 1935 - August 5, 2014

William N. Stroud Jr Life Story

Also known as Bill, Junior, and Pa – was born on June 18th, 1935 and was called home on August 5th, 2014.

His parents, William N. Stroud, Sr. and Louisa Rutledge Stroud were living in Moorewood, Oklahoma. He went to elementary school at Three-Corner School, to Leedey High School for secondary, to Panhandle State for his Bachelor's degree and to Southwestern State College for his Master's degree in Education. William fulfilled his military responsibility from 1958 to 1961, training in Ft. Carson, CO; Ft Chaffee, AR; then being stationed in Munich, Germany.

William Stroud married Anthony Lynn Wood and his mother Dorothy Jane Barnes Wood on July 12th, 1963 in Ada, OK. That union happily produced three more children, Natalie Lujane, Stephanie Leanne and William "Billy" Nathaniel Stroud III. William spent the next 51 years of married life in the same house on the corner of Cochise and Delos Avenues in Willcox, AZ. He was an educator for Willcox Unified School District, heavily involved in Willcox school sports, as well as numerous community efforts and services.

William is survived by his wife, Dorothy Stroud and one sister, Barbara Pauline Meyer (Dale) of Phelan, CA; son Andy Wood (Dawna) of McKinney TX; daughter Lujane Sweeney (Rick) of Berkeley, CA and Leanne Burriss

(Kenny) of Burlington KS.

William was preceded in death by his parents, son Billy Stroud, sister Gertie Fay Meyer, and brother James Hurschell Stroud.

He was proud of his eight grandchildren, Gillian Joelle Sweeney, Jackie Nathaniel Wood, Alexandra McKenzie Burris, Meghan Celine Sweeney, Houston Lee Wood, Allyce Katherine Burris, Noelle Nicole Wood and Kenneth Nathaniel "Nate" Burris. Also surviving are his cousins, nieces, nephews, and a paternal aunt Mellissa Johnson, Hutchison KS.

You may contribute to the following Bill Stroud Memorial's 1) For a donation to the Youth Ministry in honor of Bill Stroud, make checks out to the FSBC of Willcox with "Youth Ministry/Bill Stroud " on memo line. Sent to: First Southern Baptist Church, Attn: Vivian Hegel, P.O. Box 997, Willcox, Arizona 85643 2) For donation to the WHS Track Program, make checks out to the Willcox Unified School District with "Track Program/Bill Stroud" on memo line. Send to; Willcox Unified School District, Attn: Kevin Davis, 480 N. Bisbee Ave., Willcox, Arizona 85643. Tax deduction receipts are available on request for both donation's. 3) Charles Wm Leighton Jr. Hospice ,Inc make checks out to the Charles Wm Leighton Jr. Hospice with " Bill Stroud Donation" on memo line. Send to Charles Wm Leighton Jr. Hospice, P.O. Box 115, Willcox, AZ 85644 or www.charleswmleightonjr Hospice.com

Cemetery Details

Sunset Cemetery

N. Sunset Strip Road
Willcox, AZ 85643

Previous Events

Visitation

AUG **9**. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (MT)

Westlawn Chapel & Mortuary Inc.
105 S Arizona Avenue
Willcox, AZ 85643
(520) 384-2413
westwx@vtc.net
<https://www.westlawnchapelmortuary.com>

Funeral

AUG **10**. 2:00 PM (MT)

Willcox High School Auditorium
450 N. Bisbee Ave
Willcox, AZ 85643

Tribute Wall



“ William "Bill" Stroud

January 30, 2023 at 12:50 AM



“ *Isaiah 41:10 Do not fear for I am with you. Do not be dismayed for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you. I will uphold you with my with my righteous right hand.*

As I had the honor of sharing in your life this past year I watched and admired you final race to your heavenly home. Your faith shown brightly every time I saw you . You reflected your God and your Maker from your chair in your living room. You accepted that it was God's time to take you home and while waiting you always had a smile for me. Though we may wish for a longer life God has a plan. The one whom God takes home is the first to accept God's decision of his homecoming and while we are shaking our heads in disbelief, the ones in heaven are lifting their hands in worship. As we will mourn today at the grave, Bill is marveling at all the glories of heaven. We are all just passing through, as believers, this is simply our "temporary home". James 4:14 our life is like a mist. we can see it for a short time but then it goes away.

May we all be reminded to make every moment count. any day could be our last. live with no regrets. thank you Bill and Dorothy for allowing me to be such a vital part of your lives, I am a life that has been changed.

bonnie - August 10, 2014 at 11:38 AM



“ *Floor Plant for Sympathy was purchased for the family of William "Bill" Stroud.*



August 08, 2014 at 11:13 PM



“ *I am sending my deepest condolences to the family of Bill Stroud. I was honored to have served as a teacher when he did, to appreciate his understanding of my own children and to enjoy his wife. His dry sense of humor was special. I am praying that Dorothy and family will find Peace from our Lord as I know they are believers! Patricia Riggs Inman*

Patricia R. Inman - August 08, 2014 at 05:27 PM



“ *Words are so inadequate in a time like this. The Strouds were one of the first families to open their hearts to me when I moved to Willcox many years ago. I remember Bill being a man of few words, but every word he spoke was golden. Dorothy, I haven't seen you in years but I think of you often. You helped fuel my passion for History & gave me the gift of a priceless education about the Holocaust, which I gratefully shared with my students. I remember Bill & Dorothy sharing the story of their son's death so that others might not face the same tragedy. My deepest sympathies to you, Dorothy, & your family. Rejoice in knowing that Bill & Billy are together once again & await your arrival one day.*



Debbie Atwood - August 08, 2014 at 02:42 PM



“ *Blue & White Sympathy Floor Basket was purchased for the family of William "Bill" Stroud.*



August 08, 2014 at 09:52 AM



“ *Jerry & Sherry Burris, Mark & Connie Goehring & family purchased the Red, White & Blue Sympathy Floor Basket for the family of William "Bill" Stroud.*



Jerry & Sherry Burris, Mark & Connie Goehring & family -
August 08, 2014 at 07:28 AM



“ *First teacher i had that was "real" I had Mr. Stroud for first hr. in 5th grade for wood shop. Somewhere I still have the first woodshop project. A cutting board. Mahogany and White oak. Taught me to cut out my sheet metal in paper first and how to Arc weld. He said he knew my dad so I knew I was i trouble that year. We never appreciate the smallest details no matter what the long term effect. long live Mr. Stroud. PS i think I actually swatted/spanked by him. Me and Richard Dunn for something dumb I didn't do... Glad I got what I deserved.*



Jim Conner - August 08, 2014 at 12:25 AM

PM

“ We are saddened at the loss of our good friend Bill Stroud. We will miss him here, but we know we will have a great reunion again with him when our Lord and Savior takes us home.

We pray for the family, and know our God will provide comfort and peace for each of them.

God Bless you all!..

Patsy and Pete McCanne



Patsy McCanne - August 06, 2014 at 08:40 PM

AW

“ My dad is the most awesome dad on earth! You see he lives and walks the walk. He is not long on words, but knows exactly when to speak. He knows exactly what to say and when to say it. My dad is not my father. My father died when I was 3. My dad is and has been my dad from 5 on. My dad was my coach in many sports and my number 1 fan in the sports I competed in that he did not coach. My dad was and is my encourager. My dad was my hunting buddy as you see he taught me how to hunt. We love the outdoors together. We have held hands and watched the sun rise at 14,000 ft up in the Rocky Mountains. My dad knows my heart and how I could play college football because of my heart of a Lion. My dad stood up to "bullies" who treated him in unkind ways to forward their political agenda. My dad was my Best Man when I got married. There was really no other consideration, for he has been with me through thick and thin. My dad is my best friend. My dad is in the fight of his life with a rare form of lethal cancer. I don't know how many more days on the earth The Lord has set aside for my dad until his "appointment", but I know my dad knows Jesus and because of that, I have the hope of spending eternity with him. My dad is not on Face Book, but because of him and what he did for me, i want to share with people who are. My dad is not only "my" dad, but "dad" to many young people who he invested his life in and gave of himself for them and Willcox High School athletics for over 50 years. Dad I love you and Happy Father's Day. As you tell me, "Well done son".. Well done Dad. You are the best!

Andy Wood - August 06, 2014 at 07:09 PM

LM


Andy, this was a beautiful tribute to your Dad! I always enjoyed talking with him when I saw him. Always with a big grin on his face! Our sincere condolences to all of you. Liz, Beth, and Trey Moses

Liz Moses - August 06, 2014 at 07:58 PM

AT

Beautiful tribute to your dad Andy. Our condolences to all of you.

Anselmo & Bertha Torres - August 06, 2014 at 10:19 PM


Roberta
Varney

Andy, that was a beautiful tribute to your Dad...I always enjoyed visiting with him and your Mom when they would come to California. I am so sorry for your loss...keeping you and all of your family in our thoughts and prayers.

Roberta Varney - August 08, 2014 at 11:26 AM

KH

Somehow I was out of the loop on this, I learned yesterday evening. Your mom was my English teacher in high school. I was in her very first class. My thoughts and prayers are with her at this time, along with you.

Karen Howard - August 11, 2014 at 03:25 PM