



William L Ankenman

October 29, 1933 - November 18, 2019

Bill Ankenman, retired rancher, passed away November 18, 2019. Bill was born on October 29, 1933 to Leigh and Helen (Coldiron) Ankenman in Crawford, Colorado. Bill married Betty Lou Barsch on August 1, 1953 and they enjoyed sixty-six wonderful years together. Bill is survived by his wife Betty Lou and daughter, Carol Coiner and husband Hank. Other survivors are daughter in law Sandy Ankenman and granddaughters Autumn Fuhrman, Lacey Ankenman and Abbey Ankenman. Bill was preceded in death by his son Chris Ankenman.

After Bill's family and many friends, his passion was cattle ranching. He was never in an environment he was not interested in cattle, hay, water, or something about the cattle industry. Bill was a member of the First Presbyterian Church in Miami, Oklahoma, where he had served on the session. Bill had also been a science teacher and held a master's degree from Western Colorado University. Bill was instrumental in the American Tarentaise Association and developing and promoting the Tarentaise cattle breed in the United States. Bill served as the past president of the Ottawa County Rural Water District No. 4. He was also a 4-H Club leader in Colorado.

A Celebration of Life for Bill will be held at 1:00 p.m. on Saturday, November 23, 2019 at the First Presbyterian Church in Miami, Oklahoma. Pastor Ray VandeGiessen will officiate.

Notes of encouragement for the family may be left at www.brown-winters.com

Services are under the direction of Brown-Winters Funeral Home and Cremation Service, Miami.

Tribute Wall

HC

“ 2 files added to the album Memories Album



Hank Coiner - November 21, 2019 at 10:58 PM

HC

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Hank Coiner - November 21, 2019 at 10:56 PM

DH

“ Dave and Sherry Hiebert Our hearts and prayers go out to the entire family.

Dave Hiebert - November 21, 2019 at 08:48 AM

AL

“ Sorry to hear of Mr. Bill's passing. Always enjoyed visiting with him. Alan & Kay Loehr

Alan Loehr - November 20, 2019 at 09:50 PM

FN

“ Fred and Nancy Niehaus purchased the Cheeseboard Complete for the family of William L Ankenman.



Fred and Nancy Niehaus - November 20, 2019 at 05:00 PM

NN

“ Dear Betty Lou, We are so sorry to hear of Bill's passing. He was so kind to share his knowledge of horses with Fred and I as we searched to find Katherine her first horse. His assistance in the Pastor Search Committee, the Session and throughout the church were selfless. We appreciate what he stood for- honesty, hard work, and love of his family. Our love to you, Sandy and the girls. Fred and Nancy

Nancy Niehaus - November 20, 2019 at 04:44 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of William L Ankenman.



November 20, 2019 at 04:32 PM

SW

“ I always ran into Bill (and Chris) at Shawnee Grocery. Once, Chris stayed in the truck on the phone, Bill was in the store filling a cup with coffee. I asked if he was taking one out to Chris. He said he wasn't, that they only had money for one cup. Chris had finished his call and walked in. I offered to buy, but they both just laughed. Great sense of humor that I really miss. God bless you family and friends!

Stan Willcox - November 20, 2019 at 12:17 PM

RH

So sorry for you and your family's loss Sandy

Ron Hawkins - November 21, 2019 at 07:48 PM

RC

“ Mr Bill was one of the finest men I had the pleasure to call my friend. I mourn for his family loss. I rejoice, for the heavens has gained a Angle. May you only ride the best horses and look after some ol red cows. Happy Trails

Rod Channel - November 18, 2019 at 07:07 PM