



William "Bill" Erskine Duncan III

June 8, 1935 - August 24, 2017

William "Bill" Erskine Duncan passed away quietly at his home on August 24, 2017 surrounded by his family. Our father was admired and loved greatly by all of his children and grandchildren and will be greatly missed, but never forgotten. He was an avid outdoorsman, and his love for fishing and hunting was his passion.

He moved from El Dorado County to Yreka in 1972 to take up the position of Chief of Police until his retirement in 1985. He was in law enforcement for over two decades. He was considered an expert marksman and a two time member of the elite Governor's Top Twenty shooters in the state of California, his passion for shooting continued until just weeks prior to his death. He also participated in archery in the World Police Olympic Games.

Dad took up Taxidermy after retiring in 1985 when he moved to Cedarville, California where he lived for about 4 years before moving to Afton, Wyoming. His home in Afton was situated at the edge of the Bridger-Teton National Forest. It was heaven for him to jump on his 4-wheeler and head into the wilderness. He returned to Cedarville several years later to build a home on his property which bordered the Warner National Forest. His favorite spot was Steamboat Rock. Again, he had his own piece of heaven, where he could hop

on his 4-wheeler and head into the wilderness.

Dad moved back to Yreka in 2012 for health reasons, fortunately for Dad, his son Brett had purchased the family home where Dad resided when he was the Chief of Police of Yreka. He lived with his son, Brett and daughter-in-law, Beth until his passing.

Dad had many passions in life, including taking his dog, Khan, for his daily runs behind the house and his other daily ritual of going to Don's Sporting Goods and rolling dice for the grand prize of a cup of coffee and a couple of tootsie rolls. After that, it was out to Dodge Range making sure he could still hit the center of a target.

A favorite saying of our Dad was "As long as your children outlive you, you've lived a good life".

Dad is survived by his loving children: Janice Smith of San Diego, Pam Riggins of Yreka, Sue Meyer of Placerville, Mark Duncan & Brett Duncan of Yreka and his numerous grandchildren and great-grandchildren. Unfortunately, his daughter Alicia Hale preceded him in death.

Graveside services will be held at the Evergreen Cemetery on Wednesday August 30th at 10:00 a.m. All that knew our father are welcome to attend.

Cemetery Details

Evergreen Cemetery

Top of Evergreen Lane
Yreka, CA 96097

Previous Events

Graveside Service

AUG 30. 10:00 AM (PT)

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Tribute Wall

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“ *Bill was very kind and generous toward me. I showed up at his taxidermy shop in Cedarville, CA, in the spring of 1990 to have a German brown trout mounted. Before I knew it, we were having cocktails in big plastic cups. I had instant affection and respect for him, and that has never changed.*

R.I.P. Bill

Charles Huntington

Charles Huntington - July 19, 2018 at 11:29 PM

KD

“ *Karen Duncan lit a candle in memory of William "Bill" Erskine Duncan III*



Karen Duncan - August 30, 2017 at 04:12 AM

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“ *Brother Bill chose his causes carefully and the amazing thing is, those causes (which started out single), always had a way of snowballing to the benefit of many. I don't know how I was so fortunate to have God put him in my life - in this family - but I'm so thankful He did. I love you big brother "Billy". See you soon.*

Karen Duncan - August 30, 2017 at 04:10 AM

BB

I had the privilege to meet and enjoyed my time talking to Bill, I was just thinking about him last week, I learned of his passing in the Modoc Record that I receive 9 to 10 days after the fact, I would have been there for his services, Bill mounted the best mule deer buck I've taken in my lifetime he made this mount look alive, I'm so proud to meet him and I have his beautiful skills on my trophy room wall!!

Rest in peace my friend.

Sincerely

Burton K Butler

Burton K Butler - September 05, 2017 at 02:17 PM