



## William "Bill" Corn

April 16, 1936 - July 29, 2017

William Bowden Corn, devoted husband, beloved father and a great friend to many, celebrated his final departure on Saturday, July 29, 2017, at home with his family by his side. It was a beautiful morning, what Bill would have called a "severe clear," a perfect day for flying. A Visitation will be held on Wednesday, August 2, 2017, 9:00 AM at Anderson Bethany Funeral Home, 2609 South Main, Roswell, NM 88201. The Funeral Service will follow visitation at 10:00 AM at Anderson Bethany Funeral Home Chapel. Interment will follow at General Douglas L. McBride Veterans Cemetery, Roswell, NM. A tribute of Bill's life may be found at [www.andersonbethany.com](http://www.andersonbethany.com) where you may leave memories and expressions of sympathy for his family.

Bill was born on April 16, 1936, in Roswell, NM, to Fred B. and Beatrice Hazel (Knight) Corn. He was a lifelong rancher on the Salt Creek, Northwest of Roswell. Bill loved his country, was proud of his military service and shared a special bond with his Army Reserve brothers. He achieved the rank of Chief Warrant Officer during his many years of service. As Bill would say, "Just call me Super Chief." Bill took pleasure in educating all about the geography of his cherished New Mexico, especially if you were flying with him. An eternal optimist, Bill loved the anticipation of a summer rain and eagerly watched any cloud that looked encouraging. Bill will be remembered for his ability to punctuate a situation with memorable wit and we will forever quote his unforgettable sayings. He was a sharp dresser and a gentleman. Bill's

greatest delight, next to his family and friends, was his lifelong love of flying. If he could fly, it was a wonderful day.

In addition to Bill's parents, sister, Rogene Cordes; brother, Robert F. Corn; and nephew, Rodney D. Corn preceded him in death.

Surviving to cherish Bill's memory are his wife of almost 60 years, Crystal Louise (Carman) Corn; daughters: Dr. Christa Carman Corn of Phoenix, AZ, Cheryl LeAnne Corn of Wilmington, DE; grandson, Thomas Corn of Phoenix, AZ; beloved dog, Trixie; nieces: Gloria Ann (Cordes) of Yarmouth Port, MA, Larson (Allen) of Yarmouth Port, MA, Jeanne Cordes of Costa Rica; nephew, Robert B. Corn (Nancy) of Roswell, NM; and many special friends who were life's treasure to him. Their love is truly heartfelt by the family, and we Thank You for your friendship, support, and prayers.

In lieu of flowers, the family asks that you consider contributing in his memory to a charitable organization of your choice.

This tribute was lovingly written in honor of Bill by his family.

# Tribute Wall



“ *William "Bill" Corn*

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December 29, 2022 at 05:26 PM

JD

“ *The passing of Bill Corn truthfully is a loss for many like my-self who admired the man for such things as his wit and witticism, old school no nonsense approach to life, and associated wisdom of the world. He was truly a character. And by that I mean he had character. The 'stick to your guns' type that I have rarely seen in other men. I tear up as I write this although I really shouldn't because this should be a time of celebration of his life. He was the rancher, the aviator, the boat and car enthusiast, the dedicated husband and father. Look at how he lived life to the fullest, his way, doing what he loved. Good for him. What a great example. I can still see that grin, that smirk of his when he got in that joking mood. But that is what it is all about isn't it? The fact that time has no real dimension when it comes to our memories of loved ones. They truly do stay with us forever close to our hearts whenever we need them. They truly never really leave. It's ok to be sad for a while. It's normal so it must be healthy. Why are the ones we loved allowed to die? Yes it hurts. It's emotion but the pain is very physical. Strange I think. It just goes to show you that with all of my technical schooling there are simple things that I can't understand. One thing that I do understand is that I admired Bill Corn greatly. One of the few men that I turn to when looking for an example of integrity, steadfastness, and wit. There is a new angel in heaven who certainly doesn't need flying lessons. May he rest in peace and live always in our hearts.*

*Sincerely,  
James Louis DeBenedictis*

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**James Louis DeBenedictis** - August 06, 2017 at 07:04 PM

TC

“ I am so sorry to hear about Bill. He was one of my favorites "cousins". I have fond memories of our cruises and times together. It seems I would always run into him at the bank over the last few years and we would reminisce about old times and those loved one who have gone on before us. He took me flying for my first flight ever. We had so much fun exploring the Corn ranches. What an incredible man! He will be missed. My love and prayers for your family. May God give you peace and support during this time.  
Teresa Corn and family

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**Teresa Corn** - August 02, 2017 at 07:52 AM

JS

“ Mr Corn was a great man whom which I had the honor to work with when I started working in Roswell back in 2007. Flying with him in his Cessna when I was working a MISTIC inspired me to achieve my education as well as my Pilots License. We will miss you Mr. Corn. God speed and God bless.

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**Juan Soltero** - August 01, 2017 at 06:13 PM

GW

“ It was an honor working with Bill....on the ground and in the air. His sense of humor was beyond the norm, exceeded only by his humility and inherent desire to help others in need. Miss you "Old Man"....Fair winds and following seas!

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**Glenn & Tracey Wells** - August 01, 2017 at 04:59 PM

JC

“ Knowing Chief Petty Officer William Bowden Corn "Mr. Bill to me."was a honor and a thrill. Bill was the Best Bush Pilot to most. He flew his Vesna 182 like we drove our cars. Bill would take off and land on Hi way 13 south of town often. Shhhhhh. "Easier to beg for forgiveness than ask for permission....sometimes " he would say. Amazing Man a Legend for sure. Going to miss him.



Jack Colby - August 01, 2017 at 04:13 PM

JC

Corrections Chief Warrant Officer and Cessna 182? Had tears in my eyes. Where's spell check when you need it?

Jack Colby - August 01, 2017 at 10:22 PM

CC

Mr. Colby -- thank you for these wonderful images. My father lived life like it was a great adventure. You could not help but be pulled into the ride. He will be missed.

Cheryl Corn

Cheryl Corn - August 10, 2017 at 06:09 AM

TJ

“ Great Friend and pilot, Bill was always gracious and pleasant to be around. I always looked foreword to seeing him. I'll miss him. Tim Jennings

Tim Jennings - August 01, 2017 at 07:10 AM