



William (Bill) Edwin Eaton

October 28, 1953 - February 14, 2018

William E. (Bill) Eaton, age 64, passed away unexpectedly on February 14, 2018, at his home near Roswell. He was born on October 28, 1953, at Ft. Lawton Army Hospital in Seattle, Washington. His first few years were spent in Fort Collins, Colorado, while his father Edwin (Ed) Eaton was a student at Colorado State University. In 1957, the family moved to Circleville, Ohio, where Ed was employed at the Dupont Mylar film plant. Bill completed all of his elementary school years in Circleville. In 1966, Ed became employed at Los Alamos National Laboratory in Los Alamos, NM, and Bill completed his middle school and high school work there, graduating from Los Alamos High School in 1974.

In the mid-1970's, Bill was suddenly besieged with grand mal epileptic seizures and was placed on anti-seizure medications. Eventually, he and his good friend Tom Prince, who had physical handicaps also, learned of a State-sponsored school in Roswell, NM, where students were housed in dormitories near the old army air base and given vocational training, counseling and etc, then finally a graduation ceremony. Bill tried several jobs in Roswell, following graduation but continued to have problems with seizures. He returned to Los Alamos after about two years in Roswell and found work in a variety of restaurants, convenience stores and gas stations. At one point, Bill also worked in the local movie theater as a film projectionist, utilizing some of the skills he had learned in high school classes related to that type of work. As the epileptic seizures decreased in frequency life became quite good for several

years with Bill eventually living in his own mobile home in Royal Crest Mobile Home Park. He also shared his dad's passion for old cars, at one time having a 1957 Chevy pickup, and later a 1964 Barracuda.

In 1991, Ed retired from Los Alamos National Laboratory and the family moved to Roswell on a 10-acre tract just outside of town which had been purchased in 1978. It was actually two 5-acre tracts joined together, so Bill moved into a mobile home on his 5 acres and his parents into a mobile home on the other 5 acres. Bill began working with Allsup's Convenience Stores and stayed with them for several years working in their stores at various locations around town. He was once held up by a man with a knife and was slashed several times on the face and neck, requiring some plastic surgery to properly heal some of his wounds. Bill later tried other jobs, some in other convenience stores but also for some time as a security officer at the bus plant when they were manufacturing buses. He still occasionally would have a grand mal seizure, but they had become much less frequent. However, Bill was becoming more affected by equilibrium problems of vertigo. One neurologist believed that excessive use of a certain anti-seizure medication had caused shrinkage of the cerebellum in the brain, thus resulting in vertigo.

Because of the increased influence of vertigo on Bill's ability to perform certain tasks, he retired from his then current job and applied for disability, which was granted. He then volunteered at the Roswell adult center and served there for four years. Bill has also volunteered at Eastern New Mexico Medical Center in the surgical waiting room and Bitter Lake National Wildlife Refuge.

Bill belonged to Trinity Methodist Church, Valley Vintage Motor Club and Friends of the Zoo.

Bill is survived by his parents: Edwin (Ed) And Ella (Micki) Eaton at the family home.

Other survivors include his aunts: Patricia (Pat) and husband, Ron Turner of Flora Vista, NM, Marlyne Morgan of Bismarck, ND, Alice J. (Marquart) Wood of Roswell, NM, an uncle, David Marquart of Garretson, SD; several cousins; and many close friends.

He was preceded in death by his paternal grandparents: Clarence and Alice Eaton of Los Alamos, NM; maternal grandparents: Harvey and Mabel Marquart of Madison, SD; four aunts; four uncles; along with his loyal dog, Cookie.

There will be a Viewing at Anderson Bethany Funeral Home on Thursday, February 22, 2018, 12:00 PM – 8:00 PM. A Funeral Service will be held at Trinity Methodist Church on Friday, February 23, 2018, 2:00 PM. Interment will follow at South Park Cemetery. Celebrate Bill's life by visiting www.andersonbethany.com to offer a memory or expression of sympathy for his family. Bill's family lovingly wrote this tribute in his honor.

Tribute Wall



“ *William (Bill) Edwin Eaton*

December 29, 2022 at 05:26 PM



“ *To Ed and Micki Eaton: I pass on my condolences along with some fond memories from my early years in the late 70s in Los Alamos and with the Old Car Club. I also share a sense of kinship with you all -- deep down -- as my paternal grandmother was Alice Goodnow Eaton...we could be 8th cousins... Bill: what a good man you were...*

Skip Dunn

RBDunn - March 28, 2018 at 05:19 PM



“ *Joyce Randolph lit a candle in memory of William (Bill) Edwin Eaton*



Joyce Randolph - March 27, 2018 at 08:39 PM



“ *Katherine Wood lit a candle in memory of William (Bill) Edwin Eaton*



Katherine Wood - February 24, 2018 at 05:04 PM

JB

“ I will always remember the fun we had usually getting into trouble. All the fun at the farm growing up. You will be missed RIP Billy



Jad Breiner - February 24, 2018 at 02:27 PM

EM

“ I had the greatest opportunity too have had a friend like Bill, we met at Harvest in the Summer of 2017!! And he shared many things with me!! We were True Friends, the kind that are hard too Find!! His Girl Susie, Was the love of his life!! His Red Heeler!! I will forever Love and Miss Him!! He was a True Servant of God!! His ways showed that!! May his Soul Shine Over Us from Heaven!! I love U Billy!! Love, Enedina 🥺💫💕💕

enedina montes - February 24, 2018 at 12:53 PM

SM

“ Stan And Muoi lit a candle in memory of William (Bill) Edwin Eaton



stan and muoi - February 24, 2018 at 10:51 AM

SM

We really enjoyed the time we knew you. You and your smile will be greatly missed

stan and muoi - February 24, 2018 at 10:54 AM

Bruce
Wood

“ *Bruce Wood lit a candle in memory of William
(Bill) Edwin Eaton*



Bruce Wood - February 24, 2018 at 04:22 AM



“ *Ally Wood lit a candle in memory of William
(Bill) Edwin Eaton*



Ally Wood - February 19, 2018 at 11:36 PM

LB

“ *Rest in Peace dear Bill. You will be dearly
missed! Your kindness will never be forgotten.*



Lana Baxter - February 18, 2018 at 11:45 AM