



William Otis Dotson

April 8, 1936 - May 12, 2018

Bill Dotson, 82, passed away peacefully on Saturday, May 12th surrounded by family members. Bill was born in Eaton, Colorado April 8, 1936 to Vern and Mary Dotson. He was the youngest of three children, sister, Mildred Alsdorf of Glenwood Springs, Colorado, and a brother, Bob Dotson of Eaton, Colorado (deceased). Bill graduated from Eaton High School in 1954 where he lettered in football, basketball and track. He enlisted in the USMC in June 1954. After his discharge from the Marines, he married L. Marleen Fischer of Eaton, CO on September 14, 1957. They have three daughters: Kimi Miller (Dave), Deena Fredricks (Scott) and Melissa Fitzgerald (Ralph), seven grandchildren and seven great grandchildren. Bill was a strong believer in the value of education. He earned his BA degree from Northern Colorado University and his Masters degree from the University of Oregon in business and education. He taught at South Eugene High School, Churchill High School and Lane Community College. He was recognized for his many years teaching business owners the value of good business practices. Bill and Marleen always felt their marriage was a gift from God who guided their lives even when they didn't realize it. They grew more in love with each year together--60 plus. They shared a love of the outdoors, XC skiing, canoeing, bird watching, backpacking and' camping. They also shared the adventure of travelling across the United States on their Harley Davidson motorcycle several times and filling their backpacks and going to Europe, Canada, Mexico, South America and Asia. Bill was cremated and his ashes will be in a double Urn

waiting for the love of his life to join him. Their daughters will take the Urn to the Eaton, CO cemetery. The family will have a memorial on Sat., June 2, 2018 at 1:30 PM at Bend Christian Fellowship Church, 19831 Rocking Horse Rd., Bend, OR 97702.

Funeral Home:

Niswonger-Reynolds Funeral Home

105 NW Irving Ave

Bend, OR

US 97701

Tribute Wall



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Niswonger Reynolds Funeral Home & Greenwood Cemetery - May 18, 2023 at 02:33 PM

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“ *William Otis Dotson*

Funeral Home Owner - August 07, 2019 at 12:00 AM

KT

“ *I was lucky enough to go to high school with Deena and become good friends. I was fortunate to meet Bill almost a decade later as he consulted with my early stage business. As I got to know Bill, I better understood how Deena turned out so great. He showed me how great character, good humor, and adherence to the golden rule worked in life and in business. Through his foundational help, our business thrived, we grew to a public company and many lives were effected in a positive way. It would not have happened without Bill's early stage help. Great great man, who made a positive impact on my world. I know that many others were lucky enough to have had the chance to experience the friendship of one of the finest men I have ever met. Do not fear for what we have lost, but instead rejoice in the life lived fully and vibrantly!*

Kurt Thomet - May 31, 2018 at 12:00 AM

WA

“ A protective, loving, almost doting, husband. A caring and understanding father. An adventurous and curious traveler across the country, around Europe and Central American, and through life. A loyal, generous friend in good times and bad. A wise and experienced teacher and counselor. A good ole beer-drinking buddy. He handled all this with humor and grace. Bill Dotson showed us what it is to be a man.

Wendell Anderson - May 26, 2018 at 12:00 AM

FM

“ I remember trying to run a business when I knew very little about how. I signed up for LCC's Small Business Management class and met Bill Dotson. I immediately liked him and looked forward to our classes. Bill also visited my company each and every month helping me learn how to be profitable. I learned so many things from him and I know my success had a lot to do with Bill's help. I also saw Bill some years later when he had opened his own consulting business in downtown Eugene. We had a good chat and caught each other up on life. Bill was a swell guy and a lot of business owners owe him a debt of gratitude for all he gave. No doubt, Bill Dotson will be missed by many. I will always remember his smile and upbeat demeanor.

Fred May - May 21, 2018 at 12:00 AM

DF

“ We always felt that the success of our business was because of Bill Dotson. We were two graphic designers who hadn't a clue on how to run a business and for three years Bill gently nourished, encouraged and instructed us on the ins and outs of business. The first three years of any business are tough and scary, but Bill made it seem like an adventure. The business is still going strong almost 40 years later, a tribute to Bill's skill and patience. Because of his work we have provided family wage jobs for scores of people over the years, so he affected not just us, but many others that profited from his instruction.

David Funk - May 21, 2018 at 12:00 AM

BA

“ While practicing law in Eugene, with a focus on representing small business owners, I had the privilege of getting to know and work with Bill during his many years of service as a faculty member at Lane Community College and instructor for its many Small Business Development Center programs. He was totally dedicated to helping small business owners succeed, and he taught with both determination and kindness. I can count on one hand the number of individuals I have met in my 76 years who could demonstrate Bill's combination of commitment to making the lives more successful for those he served while ensuring that he treated everyone, regardless of their station or status, with respect. He was a true gentleman; and I was very fortunate to have known him.

Bruce H. Anderson - May 20, 2018 at 12:00 AM

CK

“ Marleen, My condolences for you and your family. I always admired the adventures you and Bill had, and I know he will be greatly missed. Cina

Cina Kraft - May 20, 2018 at 12:00 AM

JS

“ Dear Marlene and girls So sorry for your loss. I enjoyed working with Bill at LCC. will never forget his descriptions of him and Marlene snow camping-what cold recreation! He was a vibrant, vital, principaled man.

Jane Scheidecker - May 20, 2018 at 12:00 AM