



William "Bill" Wade Glenn

September 22, 1932 - August 14, 2022

Bill was born at home in Globe, Oregon, a logging camp.

He had the perfect childhood growing up in the Walton, Oregon, area exploring the woods, fishing and hunting. He had so many stories of the freedom and fun he had.

He loved his mother's cinnamon rolls and pies. And he still felt very badly all these years later how he reacted one day while working in the woods. His mother had only put one quarter of a pie in his lunch. When he got home he told her if you can't put a half pie in my lunch don't put in any.

He was active in high school in student council and sports. He belonged to the gun club and back then you brought your gun to school on the school bus on club day.

After high school graduation, he drove a friend from Eugene to Portland for a job with the Bureau of Land Management. When he was asked if he wanted a job for the summer. Bill said sure and filled out an application. But there was a problem, he was only 17. The person interviewing him said he was going to step out of the room and Bill could age a year. So in a couple of minutes he aged a year.

As an axman he began what was to become his career as a Cadastral land surveyor. After spending two years in the Army, he attended OIT for a degree in surveying. Starting out cutting brush, when he retired at age 55, he had progressed to being responsible for all surveys on public lands in Oregon and Washington.

He married and became the father to a daughter and son.

Bill married Jeanne Johnson in 1985. He described this marriage "as what he always thought marriage should be. We always shared whether traveling abroad, hiking in a national park or other interesting places in this great country or simply sitting having a glass of wine. That is what made our marriage beautiful."

Bill was a gentle person, husband, father, grandfather, motorcyclist, surveyor, gardener, collector of stamps, coins and barbed wire and Oregon Ducks fan.

Proper as he called it--which meant good manners, respect and play by the rules.

He knew so much--an avid reader who seemed to be able to retain everything he read.

Bill enjoyed working with wood, cutting wood, splitting wood, feeding the birds in the yard, identifying birds wherever he went, fixing almost anything, not because he couldn't afford to replace it, but for the challenge. Curious about everything.

There is one thing that has been a constant in Bill's life, motorcycles. He started by putting an engine on a bicycle, bought a Harley as soon as he saved the money, has had at least four dirt bikes and lastly a beautiful Black

Harley Dyna Super Glide. He raced his dirt bikes until he was 70.

Almost every child and grandchild has been either on a dirt bike or his Harley with him to his great delight. When his granddaughters were preteens and teens he was some times surrounded by daughters and granddaughters and so much fun with them.

Bill death was very peaceful, at home, surrounded with his family's love.

As he requested, a graveside memorial took place at the Redland Pioneer Cemetery (Geographic Coordinates; 45.309121--122.4535) August 18th with close family members attending.

Bill is survived by his wife Jeanne; daughter, Sherrie Baker, son, Gary Glenn; stepdaughters Tonya Williams and Terri Loftis; six granddaughters and three grandsons; sister, Bonnie Gesh

Losing you our hearts are broken
Our love and memories will last forever.

Tribute Wall



“ *William "Bill" Wade Glenn*

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“ *I recently learned of the passing of Bill Glenn. He was an icon of the BLM cadastral survey program in OR/WA and successfully ran it for years. And he interacted and advised the private land surveyors.*

Mike Gardner

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