



## William Burton "Bill" Slaughter Jr.

December 7, 1930 - November 19, 2021

The most brilliant smile and blue eyes faded from this world the morning of November 19 at the Springs in Butte. William "Bill" Slaughter was born December 7, 1930, to Lila Clark and William Burton Slaughter, joining sister Charlene in Danville, IL. His father passed away when Bill was young, and Lila moved the family to the Gallatin Valley to be near siblings. Bill started to develop his traits of strength, humility, gentleness, patience, and love while working alongside Uncle Johnny Huffine (Huffine Lane) on the ranch. Bill graduated from Gallatin County High School in 1948 and then enlisted in the Navy serving our Nation from October 1948 to October 1952 during the Korean War. Bill graduated from Montana State College (MSC) in 1956 with a degree in commercial accounting. It is at MSC where he met Artha "Ardie" Van Noy, a fellow accounting student. Ardie and Bill married on June 19, 1955 and enjoyed over 49 years of marriage until Ardie's death in 2005. Charles "Chuck" and Sheryl were blessed to be born into this loving family union. Bill enjoyed a 32-year career at the Montana Power Company in the Rates and Revenue Department where he was known for his sense of humor and hearty laugh (giggle).

Bill was active in the community and was privileged to be past President of Silver Bow Kiwanis with service exceeding 50 years. He was an active member of the First Presbyterian Church through the years and could frequently be found in the kitchen doing dishes, just like at home, or "playing" Noah, Father Christmas and other parts.

Bill was a servant of the Lord demonstrating Biblical principles of humility, gentleness, patience, service and provision to others, love and “training” up a child in the way they should go. Bill was the best earthly father and Chuck and Sheryl were blessed to be raised in a loving home. Bill also provided for others first without a complaint. This love carried over to the grandkids and he attended important life and sports events whenever possible.

Upon Ardie’s passing, Bill met Jane Edwards of Anaconda. Jane and Bill spent more than 15 years making new memories. They had season tickets to Bobcat football, spent winters in Lake Havasu on the Lake, and took fabulous vacations to Hawaii, Alaska, and the Caribbean, among others.

Bill was most recently preceded in death by his hunting and fishing partner, best friend, and son Chuck Slaughter (March 2021). Bill also joins Ardie, his parents, sister Charlene McCall, in laws Art and Vi Van Noy, Howard Van Noy, Lee and Sharon Berger, and Bob McCall in heaven. Bill is survived by daughter Sheryl (Larry) Mayo and grandchildren Keanne Lambertson (Michael Canup, Jr.) and Kendra Carlson; daughter-in-law Julia Hardy Slaughter and grandchildren Aubrey Jade Slaughter (Matthew Miller), Kirsten Lynn Slaughter-Rice (Steve Rice), Kade Matthew Slaughter, Jordan B. Slaughter, and Kyle McClynch Slaughter, six great grandchildren, Bryn, Isla, and Madeline Miller, Julia and Dillon Rice, and Charlie Slaughter. Bill is also survived by Jane Edwards and her children, grandchildren, and great grandchildren of Anaconda.

Services and a celebration of life will be held in the Spring of 2022. Please consider memorials to the Salvation Army, Butte Food Bank or First Presbyterian Church of Butte. Express condolences at [www.wayrynen-richard.com](http://www.wayrynen-richard.com).

# Cemetery Details

## Mountain View Cemetery

3910 Harrison Avenue  
Butte, MT 59701

# Events

**Details are pending.**

# Tribute Wall

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“Sweet William” came into our lives when he met our sister, Jane Edwards. He immediately found a special place in our hearts. He was kind. He was gentle. He was so good to our sister (and he accepted our crazy family freely!). We have a huge void in our family with his loss but will remember him with so much love.

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