



William Howard Hewitt

April 4, 1934 - July 28, 2024

William Howard Hewitt, was a devoted husband, father, uncle, grandfather, friend, and self-appointed executive chairman of the Bookery coffee group. He was born in 1934 in Fairbury, Nebraska to Howard and Anna Hewitt.

He will be remembered for his love for his family; his trust of God and faith in Jesus; his love of people; his work with the Bureau of Reclamation; his service in the community and his devotion to the Nebraska Cornhuskers, his alma mater. Despite the loss of a leg at the age of 8, as a result of a farming accident, this did not slow him down, define him, or inhibit his active lifestyle. Before he was limited by a wheelchair, he loved playing golf, bowling, bike riding and fishing. He watched his favorite college teams, but especially enjoyed watching his kids and grandkids play their sports.

Bill's first job was in Riverton, Wyoming with the Bureau of Reclamation in the soils lab. In 1960, Bill was transferred to the largest soil lab for the United States Bureau of Reclamation in Ephrata, Washington. He worked for the Bureau for 33 years. During these years, he served within the First Baptist Church community and on the Ephrata District School Board. Following retirement he served the community as a Grant County PUD Commissioner.

Most of all, Bill loved his family. He married Barbara in 1964. They raised Micheal and Greg. Micheal married Kevin Teague, and they are the parents of

Meredith, Celia and Ava. Greg married Denise Kennedy, parents of Emma and Max. He was Uncle Bill to his beloved nieces and nephews.

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

AUG 3. 2:00 PM (PT)

Grace Point Church
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Tribute Wall

EC

“ *My heart is hurting for your loss. We will be praying for all of you.*
Erica (Ewert) Campbell

Erica D Campbell - August 05, 2024 at 11:09 PM

BH

Thank you

BARBARA J HEWITT - August 22, 2024 at 10:45 PM

RS

“ I'm so sorry to hear of Bill's passing, and I want to do both. I share the sadness of the loss with Barbara, Greg and Michelle, who I knew best. I knew Bill and Barbara quite well. We were in an eating group called, *The Gourmet Club* for many years and shared many life experiences during that time. Vera and our children were very young at that time, and would come to *Gourmet* and Greg and Michelle gave them the time of their lives. They idolized those big brother and sisters of yours. I have great photos of them together. I remember Bill's love of Barbara, and everyone he came in contact with, but Barbara was first, along with Jesus Christ and his faith. One of my favorite memories was his talking about an incident as I recall going to church in Nebraska when it was cold and icy. He slipped on the ice and his wooden leg took off with such force from the fall that it disengaged from him and slid out a ways. There may have been ball bearings, I forget. Somehow it was still attached by twine, or who knows, but he reeled it back to the amazement of those watching. Bill was philosophical, intelligent and had a great sense of humor. I consider the times we had together with the eight of us and our family members to be some of the more enjoyable times in my life. I will be forever thankful for knowing Bill and Barbara. I am so sorry.



Randy Senn - August 03, 2024 at 04:49 PM

BH

Thank you, Your friendship meant so much to us. Those were wonderful years.

BARBARA J HEWITT - August 22, 2024 at 10:45 PM

BD

“ *Bill was a friend to us in the next generation. He talked to us as equals. Always the highest regard for him, his friendship and commitment to Christ.*

Bud Davies - August 03, 2024 at 01:46 AM

BH

Thank you, Bud. Your family was so important to us and a blessing.

BARBARA J HEWITT - August 22, 2024 at 10:47 PM

EH

“ *Bill will be sorely missed. He has probably been my favorite at coffee for several years. The man was relentlessly positive, had a warm heart, and really cared about people. Coffee won't be the same without him.*

Ed Hamlett - August 02, 2024 at 07:32 PM

BH

Thank you, The coffee group was Bill's favorite.

BARBARA J HEWITT - August 22, 2024 at 10:48 PM

FC

“ *To Barbara and all your family. I want you to know that I share your grief profoundly. Bill was a wonderful man and friend. I worked with him at the Bureau of Reclamation for a few years. It was fun to go to work where he was "the life of the party." He and 'my Bill' were good friends also. We are 'of an age' - I'm 91. I'm so proud of him for living such a wonderful life and all of you are all truly blessed to have had him for so long!*

Sincerely.

Faye Crawford and family

Faye Crawford - August 02, 2024 at 07:15 PM

BH

Thank you, Bill loved those years and the great people he worked with. You are very special.

BARBARA J HEWITT - August 22, 2024 at 10:51 PM

SM

“ *Bill Hewitt was our wonderful neighbor, amazing friend, mentor, assistant coach for our Babe Ruth sons (Greg Bruce and Gregory Scott) and a golf buddies at Oasis par 3 course. Mr. Hewitt was always the kindest person, always had that sheepish grin on his face and would keep things lighthearted with his sense of humor. One of our many great memories with Bill was getting to watch his beloved Nebraska Cornhuskers football team as they steam-rolled my favorite Washington Huskies with their huge linemen. Bill was also a good sport about it, and he definitely enjoyed The Win. We were so happy to catch up with Bill and Barb at their grandchildren's recent graduation parties. We were so fortunate to have Bill Hewitt in our lives. He was a legend and our lives were enriched in so many ways having known Bill. Thank you, and may God bless you. Your family is in our prayers 🙏🙏 The Metcalfs*

Steve Metcalf - July 31, 2024 at 10:48 PM

BH

Thank you, We loved building our families together on "H" street. You will always be in the center of our heart.

BARBARA J HEWITT - August 22, 2024 at 10:53 PM