



## William Hardy

January 5, 2014

William T. Hardy Jr., 75, passed away January 5, 2014 at his home. He was born to William T. Hardy Sr and Mary Coakley Hardy.

He was born and raised in Massachusetts until he went in to the United States Marine Corp.

After his duty in the Marines, he moved to Southern California. He went to work for Web Service Co. in 1965 and retired in 2001. Bill and his wife Susie moved to Hot Springs, Arkansas in 2004.

He worked as a security guard at Oaklawn Jockey Club. He was diagnosed with mesothelioma in October 2013.

He is survived by his wife Susanne and was most proud of his daughter, Kathleen Hardy Coleman and her husband Alan. Bill had two step children, Teri Lay from California and David McIntire from Washington, a step granddaughter, Brittany Dawson from California and his beloved dog Abby. Bill was most proud of his three world championship rings in fast pitch softball and his longtime friend, Norm Taylor in Oregon.

Services will be private.

Please make donations to Arkansas Hospice in his name or cancer research for Mesothelioma.

# Tribute Wall

KC

“Daddy, I can't believe you have been gone for a year already. I miss you every moment of every day. You were the best father any child could ask for. I love you Daddy.

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**Kathleen Coleman** - January 07, 2015 at 06:11 PM

JC

“Bill was a true leader, mentor, and friend. He was caring, understanding, and would do anything for any of his employees or friends. I remember working closely with Bill on numerous special projects, and he would always make you feel like you were the most important person in the company. I will never forget the memories of my time spent with Bill, and I can say he has helped shaped me into the person I have become. You are missed.

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**Jamie Crawford** - January 13, 2014 at 11:23 AM

MT

“Bill entered my family and treated us like his own What a guy what a friend I miss you bail

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**Michael Tuckerman** - January 12, 2014 at 01:55 PM

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**Michael Tuckerman** - January 12, 2014 at 01:55 PM

LS

“ My friend, Bill and a "true" one at that. Had you for a brother-in-law, but never got to know you till I moved to Arkansas and lived in your home for 2 1/2 years. You were my therapy that I needed to get through my loss, always there with open ears (and what big ears you have) and good advice. Countless sessions on the deck of "all" your lifetime experiences, many repeated, but I could tell you enjoyed them most. You're a great guy. Bill Hardy! There are so few like you today in this world, so your everlasting smile, your great humor. your caring and consideration, your generosity and just one heck of a nice guy is greatly appreciated and never forgotten. I'll take you up on that dance and our Budweiser when it's my turn to come to heaven.

*P.S. One thing you left out or I didn't register is you were named after your Father. That's nice to know.*

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**Linda Stevens** - January 12, 2014 at 06:09 AM

BD

“ My Papa Billy was such a humorous man, I will always remember him by what he did best holding down the fort by planting himself in his recliner to tell us all the score of the game! He was most interesting when you had the chance to sit down and chat with him, I loved hearing his past stories about his experiences in the marine corps or even listening to his memories from working with Oaklawn. Anytime I would come over to visit him and grandma he would always do something to make me laugh like calling my grandma judge trudy or even sneaking up on me for a scare! I'm going to miss his chuckles, his grin, seeing him bond with my grandma over her cooking or even watching a Patriot's game with her. Papa Billy has been an amazing father to his daughter Kathy, he was the best step Papa I could've asked for, he was also a good husband to my grandmother always being there to come home to. I'm so sorry you had to suffer through the mesothelioma, you had been so strong and now the battle is over you will be resting within and watching over us all! Boy were you good with pets, I loved seeing you and Abby play ball in the backyard I could tell by your smile the warmth it had brought to your heart. You will be truly missed and loved more than you know, it has been a blessing to read all the nice comments everyone has written about you! You always left a positive impression on anyone you met. We love you so much Papa Billy you will be forever in our hearts!

-Brittany Dawson

Sempre Fi!

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**Brittany Dawson** - January 09, 2014 at 12:51 AM

TG

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Tommy Gates - January 08, 2014 at 06:13 PM

TG

*Bill Hardy was a great leader & mentor to many men at WEB Service Company, Inc. over his 35 year career. He expected all his players/employees to give 100% and "leave it all on the field" every day. His sports-style approach to work made the workplace exciting, competitive and a helluva lot of fun. Bill was a straight shooter and a man of his word - a firm handshake and yes sir went a long way. Go Red Sox! - Tommy Gates*

Tommy Gates - January 09, 2014 at 11:58 PM

MR

*Bill shaped my life! He was a man of his word and expected the same.*

**MICHAEL RICHARDS** - October 22, 2024 at 10:28 AM

SG

“ *Our thoughts and prayers are with you, Susie and your family. We love you and are so sorry for your loss.*

Stephanie, Brian and Emory Grace - January 07, 2014 at 09:06 PM

SG

“ *Stephanie, Brian And Emory Grace lit a candle in memory of William Hardy*



Stephanie, Brian and Emory Grace - January 07, 2014 at 09:04 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of William Hardy.*



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January 07, 2014 at 05:08 PM



“ *Bill was a very witty and humorous person. I will always remember the days he would come in and we'd watch jeopardy together. He always won of course, but I'd get a few in over him. Any time we ever needed to know when a ball game was on, and what channel, Bill was our man. We will miss him terribly. And heaven has gained a real character. Those angels will never stop laughing with all his stories that seem so real, only to turn out to be a joke. Here's to the best game of pool in the sky our friend.... Go easy on them up there. Jim and Gina Andrews- Saddlebags Saloon.*

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**Jim and Gina Andrews** - January 07, 2014 at 10:37 AM

SH

“ I spent a third of my life with Bill. He was a funny man. Just assumed I took care of all things. I was on vacation one year to see the kids and when I got home Bill said it sure has been cold in the house. I walked him over to the thermostat and told him all he had to do was hit the UP button. Bill never met a stranger, he loved people and if you knew him you would never forget him. His passion was sports. If you had a sports question about any sport, Bill most likely had the answer. He played and coached fast pitch softball in Southern California and ended up with three world championship rings. He enjoyed working at Oaklawn after we moved to Hot Springs. He loved the people, the employees and many of Hot Springs Police Dept. Officers. Bill was a very good Father to Kathy and a good Husband to me and a good friend to many. He will be missed more than any words that I could even think of. The house is empty and quite. And I will always miss him.

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**Susie Hardy** - January 07, 2014 at 05:10 AM

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“ Keith Gasior lit a candle in memory of William Hardy



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**Keith Gasior** - January 06, 2014 at 07:49 PM

SH

“ Susie Hardy lit a candle in memory of William Hardy



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**Susie Hardy** - January 06, 2014 at 06:21 PM

DS

“ I remember about a Summer, a year and a half ago, when Bill came to New England with his daughter Kathy & son in law Allen for a weeks stay with the Eycleshymer. He and our gang enjoyed his company. Another time I was in California on business and Bill and his wife at the time invited me to go to Vegas with them for a double header softball weekend. He really loved his sports A third time we went to a Lakers vs Celtics playoff in LA. Bill was always a lot of fun to be with.

*Bless you, From brother-in-law David Eycleshymer*

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David Eycleshymer, Sr. - January 06, 2014 at 04:53 PM

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Kat Cole - January 06, 2014 at 03:33 PM

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Kathy - January 06, 2014 at 03:29 PM

SH

“ Everyone loved the story about Bill, when I went to California to see the kids and when I got home he said "it sure is cold in the house"! I told him all he had to do was hit the UP button on the thermostat! Of course, I have so many memories. He loved sports so much. You could ask him anything in any sport and he would most likely would have the answer. He was a very friendly person and if you knew him, you would never forget him. Wild Bill he was called in his fast pitch softball days. He played and manager teams in Southern California. He was most proud of his three world championship rings. He was a good Father to his Daughter Kathy and was a good Husband. He will be missed more then any words I could possibly say. I love you Bill Hardy, always have and always will. May you rest in peace my love.

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**Susie Hardy** - January 06, 2014 at 03:00 PM

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“ Remembering when Bill, Susie, my wife and I, went to a CCR tribute concert at Oaklawn, and how much fun we all had. When the band sang "O Susie Q" Bill really got into it. I think he might have even squeezed Susie, (inconspicuously of course). I really will miss my friend.

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**William Overturf** - January 06, 2014 at 01:04 PM