



## Galen Kieth Hill

August 17, 1953 - July 24, 2020

Galen Kieth Hill was born August 17, 1953 in Brush, CO, son of Kieth R Hill and Elsie E Hill. He passed away on July 24, 2020 with his wife of 42 years, Kathy, by his side.

Galen was a hard-working country boy who grew up farming and ranching with his family in Eastern Colorado. He graduated from Liberty High School in Joes, CO, in 1971, and moved to Greeley, CO. He worked a variety of jobs from pen checker, to heavy equipment operator, while farming his own place on the side with his wife. After a time, his entrepreneurial spirit kicked in and he bought a produce stand in Texas, sold that, and returned to Colorado to become owner of a paper recycling business which he grew to great success in 33 years. He sold that business in 2014 and redirected his time to full time farming.

In all of these adventures, he strived to learn something new, try new things, and gained many friends in the process. It enriched his life.

Galen's love in life was faith, family, friends, and fast horses which were all intertwined. His faith led him to a desire to minister and help family and friends over the years. He had a strong passion for running Quarter Horses. He was a lifetime member of American Quarter Horse Assn. and served years on the Board of Directors in the Rocky Mountain Quarter Horse Assn. With his wife, he bred and raised many good running Quarter Horses. His fast horses winning at the track were truly a highlight of his life and the friends made were without equal. He raced in many states with very good success. In recent years, he joined a partnership to race horses in New Mexico. Not only did he enjoy success in that endeavor and fulfilled dreams, but all the people he met, and many friendships made over the years while racing horses added joy to his life.

Galen is survived by his wife, Kathy Stoker, of La Salle, his father, Kieth Hill of Eaton, sisters Maxine (Roger) Massey, Christine (Mark) Burke, of Eaton, CO and numerous nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his mother, Elsie Hill.

Galen chose to be cremated. A memorial service is being planned for the near future. In lieu of flowers, donations may be sent to Northern Colorado Cowboy Church (N3C), Box 15, Lucerne, CO 80646 or to the Race Track Chaplaincy, PO Box 449, Ruidoso Downs, NM 88346

# Comments

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“ Sharing a short memory of the times we spent with Galen (and Kathy) is a strangely difficult task. Knowing him as a personal friend has been a privilege since we moved to Colorado 16 years ago. His rugged, "cowboy" personality belied his generous and loyal character. I was always anxious to hear of his latest passions or ventures, whether it might have to do with horses, worms or some new technology he was looking into. on more than one occasion, he told me, "God gave me more years than I expected. Every day is a gift. I might not be here tomorrow and I'm okay with that." Little did we know how prophetic that could be, but we can also draw strength from that outlook. Galen will be sorely missed, but the faith we share assures me of another breakfast chat.

**Dwight Curts** - July 30, 2020 at 09:37 AM

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“ Kathy, Maxine and Chris; I met Mr Galen Hill about 25 or 30 years ago when I waited on him at the Colorado Industrial bank in Eaton. We became friends and I enjoyed helping him and visiting with him for several years. When I went to work at the Eaton Bank I lost touch with him. A few years after that a beautiful young lady named Maxine came to work at the same bank. She and I became instant friends and have stayed very close through the years. One day Galen came in and walked up to her teller window and I was so excited to see him that I went right up to him to say hi. Maxine introduced him as her brother 😊 What a small world it is, I had no idea they were brother and sister: 1:He was a wonderful, awesome, caring man and feel privileged to have known him 😊 God bless all your family, Heaven has received another special angel

**Linda Swanson-Clary** - July 28, 2020 at 07:49 PM