



## Bill Walton Flynt, II

July 25, 1943 - June 7, 2016

Bill Walton Flynt, II, was born July 25, 1943, in Kermit, Texas, (per his parents- so he could be born a Texan) and lived in Jal, NM, and Wilcox, AZ, before moving to El Paso, TX, during his high school years. Bill graduated from Irvin High School in 1961. Bill passed away at home on June 7, 2016, he was 72 years old.

Bill worked for NCR Corporation for 32 years until a companywide retirement was mandated for employees 50 and over. He worked part time for the Roswell Daily Record for 19 years as Business Review Editor. Retiring in 2013, he continued his love of photography into retirement.

While in training for NCR, he met the love of his life in Dayton, Ohio. They met in March 1965, and were married on April 17, 1965. Starting their married life together at Clovis, NM, and moving to Roswell in 1969, for the second time.

Bill and his wife bought their first hot air balloon and it was the 23rd balloon in NM in 1974. Bill received his commercial license in 1974. The Flynt's owned four balloons during their ballooning life and retired from owning a balloon in 2006, still going out with friends to fly. Bill's love of photography and balloons were well known and appreciated. When the Smithsonian opened the Air and Space Museum, Bill's photo of the Albuquerque Balloon Fiesta was asked to be one of the exhibits. Bill was also one of the photographers for the Balloon Federation of America's Ballooning Journal. Bill studied and loved

photographing Hummingbirds and Dragonflies, becoming well known for his programs for local clubs on each.

Bill was a member/treasurer of the Photographic Arts Society of Roswell and Friends of Bitter Lakes Serving as president. Bill and Suzi were part of the original members of the Old Timer's Balloon Rally for the first 25 years. They were also members of the Wool Bowl Committee prior to the Old Timer's Balloon Rally. During the course of their balloon ownership, he gave many rides and programs to people interested in lighter than air.

Bill is preceded in death by his parents; Bill Walton Flynt and Virginia Love West Flynt; grandparents; sister, Virginia Flynt Howard Smith and his daughter, Gigi Flynt.

Bill is survived by his wife, Suzi of the home; son, Trey of Albuquerque; and sisters: Kathy Read of El Paso, TX; Patricia Dee and Danny of Amarillo, TX; Judy and Chuck Hammond of Lansing, KS; and nieces and nephews: Heather (Will) Elias; Tamer (Ryan) Bell; Tim (Angela) Baylor; Gena (Allan) Law; Joe (Laura) Hammond and Caryle (Joe) Bakian; and great nieces and nephews.

Per Bill's wishes, he will be cremated. A gathering of family and friends for Bill's memorial service will be Saturday, June 11, 2016, 2:00 PM at the Anderson Bethany Funeral Home Chapel.  
Obituary was lovingly written by his family.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JUN 11. 2:00 PM (MT)

Anderson-Bethany Funeral Home and Crematory  
2609 South Main  
Roswell, NM 88203  
(575) 622-5888  
[abfh@andersonbethany.com](mailto:abfh@andersonbethany.com)

# Tribute Wall



“ *Bill Walton Flynt, II*

December 29, 2022 at 05:26 PM



“ *Suzie: I am so sorry to hear about Bill. I hope you are doing well. So sorry for your loss.*

*Jonnette (Wingfield) Speegle*

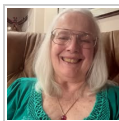
**Jonnette Speegle** - June 26, 2016 at 10:07 PM



“ *David told me of a time that he missed his school bus coming home from school one day in El Paso, TX, as a 4 or 5th grader. He thought he'd walk, on his own, the 4 miles home to the El Paso Natural Gas Plant....thankfully, about half way there, Bill drove up in his 57 Chevy Pickup and gave him a ride home. Bill was always such a good "helper" and friend and friend to many.*

*We loved getting to visit with you when the Harts were living across the street from you in Roswell. Such good memories. Love you, David, Barbie, Alicia and Laura Hart*

**Barbie & David Hart** - June 13, 2016 at 04:13 PM



*thank you, good story.*

**Suzi Flynt** - June 16, 2016 at 09:43 PM

ME

“ I am a friend of Judy's. I am so sorry for your loss. She always speaks so lovingly about her family. We met at Caryle's wedding a few years ago. God bless your family.

*Melissa Brothers*

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**Melissa** - June 12, 2016 at 09:34 PM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Bill Walton Flynt, II.



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June 11, 2016 at 05:31 PM

BH

“ I met Bill as I was roommates with his son Trey. So I knew him as Trey's dad and his mom as Trey's mom, not Suzy. Both wonderful people. At various times I got to help be on the ballon crew during the Albuquerque Balloon Fiesta and wow could Bill handle the chaos and the balloon during the mass assesion, along with a neophyte like me trying to help. Always thought this guy could belong in Alaska where I was from as he was in shorts and t- shirt in the cold mornings getting the basket ready. Loved the first flight and he even gave me a splash and dash in the Rio Grande! The guy knew how to ballon, the best I ever was in. I always liked to talk to him as he and Suzy visited Albuquerque and will miss that the most.

*Bruce Holmes*

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**Bruce Holmes** - June 11, 2016 at 04:11 PM

BJ

“ Bill Flynt ~~~ I've pondered many memories of Bill over the last few days and it would be difficult to pinpoint one memory that would be the most outstanding as they are all my favorites ! My family and I first met Bill , Suzi and Trey on the balloon field in Albuquerque. That was the beginning of a long friendship and many adventures, as we took part in the Chase crew for several years at fiesta. Four generations of my family have at one time or another been a part of the Chase crew. We learned a lot from Bill and Suzi about ballooning but that was only a small part of who they are. I saw Bill as a man of integrity, a husband who adored his wife, and a father who loved and was very proud of his son Trey, a man who loved the outdoors, a photographer who did excellent work and a friend to all. Bill will be dearly missed by those who were touched by his life. Thank you for the memories Bill, and thank you for your friendship.  
Beverly Johnston~Mayes

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**Beverly Johnston~Mayes** - June 11, 2016 at 02:18 PM

JM

“ Bill was a very kind person with nothing bad to say about anybody. He always had a smile on his face. He was definitely an outdoors person and enjoyed nature. I certainly enjoyed working with him with the Friends of Bitter Lake and will miss very much. My prayers to Suzi and the family during this time. We'll miss you, Bill!!



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**Jimmy Masters** - June 11, 2016 at 10:57 AM

KM

*Suzi & Trey,  
We so enjoyed the time we got to spend with you 3 & the hospitality y'all showed us in Roswell & Rio Rancho. Thank you.  
Bill gave me lots of his time & knowledge regarding life & ballooning. I will always treasure the ride/hop I got during Fiesta!!!!!!  
Whenever Chris & I see "lopers" (antelope) or hummingbirds or dragonflies, we think of Bill.*

Kimberly Matney - June 15, 2016 at 10:15 AM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Bill Walton Flynt, II.



June 10, 2016 at 05:07 PM

BJ

“ When I started the Roswell Camera Club I had to do everything, but not for long. Bill came along and added his skill and enthusiasm. He became the secretary - treasurer and one of my best friends. I miss him and always will. Bill Johnstone

Bill Johnstone - June 09, 2016 at 03:17 PM

LW

“ Love and Prayers Toby and Wanda purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Bill Walton Flynt, II.



Love and Prayers Toby and Wanda - June 09, 2016 at 02:49 PM

MF

“ Our cousin Billy was such a sweet man who never forgot to visit my parents, his Aunt Mary and Uncle Jim, when he and Suzi came to town for the Balloon Fiesta. He had such a beautiful smile and an infectious laugh that I thought reflected what a kind person he was. I always appreciated that when I saw Billy, he would made me feel as though I was never an outcast but always a part of the family.

My deepest condolences.

Always,  
Mary Sue

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**Mary Sue Flynt** - June 09, 2016 at 09:11 AM

AB

So sorry to hear this. My dad Bill worked with Bill at NCR and we have wonderful memories of our first balloon ride with Bill and Suzi. What a sweet man. Prayers for your family. Alison Clem Balboa

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**alison balboa** - June 10, 2016 at 05:21 AM

TB

I first knew Bill and Suzi in the early 80's as Bill worked for NCR and I worked w Suzi at First Federal! Bill and Suzi were always so nice to me and we have continued friendship throughout the years! Bill will be missed and I am glad to have known him! Suzi- my continued thoughts and prayers are and will continue to be with you during this difficult time!!! Love You! Tammy Beaver💕💕

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**Tammy Beaver** - June 10, 2016 at 10:53 PM

 Joseph  
Hammond

“ *My favorite memory of Uncle Bill is a balloon memory when I was 12 or 13. He took Carlye and me up early one morning and there was nothing but peaceful silence and an amazing view in the balloon. Until the wind pushed us over town and all the dogs in the neighborhood started barking at us (I think we hit a down draft so we were flying pretty low). After Uncle Bill got that fixed he still had time to try to show us how the trapdoor in the balloon worked (which we did not enjoy at the time but is hilarious now). Thank you for the great memories and for being a great uncle.*

*Love,*

*Joe and Laura Hammond (Cole and Charlotte)*

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**Joseph Hammond** - June 08, 2016 at 10:42 PM

 Trey  
Flynt

“ *In lieu of flowers my father would like a donation to be made to the :*

*Friends of Bitter Lake  
4065 Bitterlakes Rd  
Roswell, NM 88201*

*My father was the President of this fine organization.*

*Thank you,  
Trey*

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**Trey Flynt** - June 08, 2016 at 09:55 PM

DJ

“ So sad to hear of the passing of Mr. Bill. They say the only thing that helps with greiving is a hug and a few memories. My favorite was chasing ballons of course. I was a pre-teen (9 or 10) & we went to balloon fiesta in Alberquerque. We all had jobs & the rules were the best on the ground & in the air: #1 stay off the envelope(also safety 1st) #2 stay out of his way when inflating the balloon cuz he was on a mission and safety is always 1st of course . #3 listen to what he tells you when working with the balloon & safety & finally when he gives you a job he expects the best. My 1st job was Mr. Bill coming to me & saying "come with me!" We walked to the middle of no where (prob 15 ft from balloon bag), he pointing to the ground and said "stand there no matter what. Don't move a muscle, don't touch anything (especially the balloon envelope), don't fall over and again don't move until we are in the air" then he walked away. Me with my dear in the headlights look cuz it was my 1st time, did waht I was told because I was so excited I actually got a job (BTW Mrs. Suzi also gave me this job on occasion) and that meant he loked & trustrd me! .....any guesses what my 1st job was? Haha... cactus guard of course. I was told I was the best so far (at the time) so everytime Mr. Bill or Mrs. Suzi found a cactus I got the job. One of many jobs they gave me while chasing ballons. I will always think fondly of Mr. Bill not only because of his undying humor, his honesty, friendliness, the teacher in him, and most of all how much he loves his Family. He is one of my heros. He will truly be missed as he touched so many in this life and the loss of his presents here on earth will be felt by all those he he touched in his lifetime. Love you both so much Suzi & Trey. Our thoughts & prayers are always with you.

Love,

Debbie, Dale & Isabella Johnston

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Deborah Johnston - June 08, 2016 at 09:36 PM

LC

*I am so sorry for your loss Suzi. I remember you in my class and the excitement you and Bill had for ballooning. My prayers and condolences are with you and your family.*

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**Lloyd Chaves** - June 11, 2016 at 09:32 AM

BC

*Out thoughts and prayers with Suzi, Trey and Bill's family. Bill had many friends and I was proud to be one. We worked together at NCR and he never had a harsh word for anyone. He was a kind and gentle soul and nice to everyone. Bill Clem*

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**Bill Clem** - June 11, 2016 at 06:48 PM

GD

*My prayers are with you Suzi . He will be missed. Love to you gwen*

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**gwen dunning** - June 12, 2016 at 02:44 PM