

Stokes, Billy Charles | 1924-2012

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Billy Charles Stokes, beloved husband, father and grandfather, passed away peacefully Saturday, Nov. 17, 2012, at the age of 88.

Bill was born Feb. 1, 1924, in Aurora to James and Mary Stokes. He married Patsy Collins Feb. 10, 1961, and together they have three children. Bill was a longtime rancher, had a love of fishing and hunting and was loved by all who knew him. He also served his country with the U.S. Army during World War II.

He was preceded in death by his parents, seven brothers, two sisters and a son-in-law.

He is survived by his wife, Pat Stokes; children Elizabeth and husband, Edwin “Bubba” Sooter, Angie Sudduth, William Stokes and girlfriend, Cissy Arnold; grandchildren Christopher Stokes and fianc e, Brandy Reyes, Emilia Sudduth, Micah Sudduth, Rebekah Sudduth, Michael “Dusty” Sooter and wife, Stephanie, Mary “Teri” Harshman and husband, Jeremiah, Cody Arnold and wife, Kristin, and Kyle Arnold; great-granddaughter Kaitlynn Harshman; and a host of loving friends and family.

Funeral will be 2 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 21, at the First United Methodist Church of Johnson City. Graveside service will be 1 p.m. Friday, Nov. 23, at Aurora Cemetery.