



William Alva Hancock

May 11, 1940 - March 27, 2024

William (Bill) A. Hancock passed away peacefully at his home with family and friends on March 27, 2024. Bill was born on May 11, 1940 to Thomas E. and Geraldine L. (Relyeh) Hancock in Canonsburg, PA. He attended Cumberland Township Schools, graduating in 1958, and later attended Waynesburg College. He met and married M. Joan (Black) Hancock in 1959 and blessed with sons Bryant and Bruce.

Bill worked for Waynesburg Consumer Finance while attending college. He then worked for the Boy Scouts of America as an Assistant District Scout Executive for nearly ten years. He later worked for ITEC and SKKI Corp cable TV design and installation companies. He finished his career as a Rail Terminal Manager working for Vulcan Chemical Company, from where he retired. He had a love and passion for training, hunting, and competing Brittany Spaniel bird dogs as Gun Runner Kennels. He competed over forty years in spring and fall AKC field trials and spent many summers in the Sand Hills of Nebraska training bird dogs. It was his times attending the Brittany Club national competitions which introduced him to the Magazine and Booneville area where he spent his retirement. Bill enjoyed spending time with family, teaching and dancing to country music, sharing stories and having coffee with his friends at the Big A in Magazine, detailing cars, and spending time outdoors.

Throughout his life, Bill lived in Pennsylvania, Kansas, Nebraska, Iowa, Arkansas, and Oklahoma.

Bill is survived by his companion Diane Sheives, Family; Son: Bryant (Kristy) Hancock of Pella, Iowa and grandchildren Tyler, Shelby, and Ryan. Son: Bruce (Kelly) Hancock of Ankeny, Iowa and granddaughter Charlotte.

Bill is preceded in death by parents Thomas and Geraldine Hancock, sister Mary Kay (Hancock) Meunzmay, and granddaughter Morgan Hancock.

Cremation services will be provided by King and Shearwood Funeral Home, Stigler, OK.

Per his wishes, Bill's ashes will be spread in the Sand Hills of north central Nebraska where he so loved to train and run bird dogs from horseback.