



## Adron Turner "Bill" Hester



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<b>BIRTH</b>	28 Jan 1920 Southmayd, Grayson County, Texas, USA
<b>DEATH</b>	21 Jun 2011 (aged 91) Okanogan, Okanogan County, Washington, USA
<b>BURIAL</b>	Okanogan City Cemetery Okanogan, Okanogan County, Washington, USA
<b>PLOT</b>	Gethsemane
<b>MEMORIAL ID</b>	112843172

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### Obituary

Adron T. Hester ("Bill") 1920-2011.

Adron Turner Hester, 91, passed away at his home in Okanogan, Wash., on June 21, 2011. Better known as "Bill," he was born Jan. 28, 1920, to parents Cass and **Cornelia** Hester in Southmayd, Texas. He was the youngest of five surviving siblings.

As his mother moved to different workplaces and residences, Bill grew up in various West Coast locations, remembering especially the towns of Andrade and Fullerton in California. When he was 16 years of age, his mother was running a boarding house in Tacoma, Wash., and he had a job for a summer working at a mining claim in Pateros. The mine went broke, but he still enjoyed the time he spent that summer along the Columbia River.

He graduated from Stadium High School in Tacoma, and was employed as an aircraft mechanic at Boeing in Seattle. At that time, he lived with his **sister** and brother-in-law, **Fay** and Sam **Whitney**, in Seattle.

He joined the Navy in 1942, and was stationed at Jacksonville Naval Air Station and other bases in Florida. There he met and married Hazel Swan.

Hazel was from Malden, Mass., but was living in Florida. They had a son, Daniel, born in 1944. After the War ended, Bill was discharged from the service, and the family moved to New England.

Bill lived in Maine from 1947 to 1977, and was owner/operator/mechanic of Saco Valley Garage in Hiram, Maine. He made the garage an International Harvester truck dealership in 1958, and worked skillfully at meeting the needs of loggers and contractors. His hard work and abilities as a capable mechanic, competent builder and skilled welder made his business very successful. When time allowed, he enjoyed fishing, hunting, hiking and camping in Maine. Hazel passed away from chronic illnesses, and Bill met Mary Cross Kendall from Bethel, Maine. Bill and Mary were married, and moved to Okanogan in 1977. From experiences of his high school years, Bill remembered he especially liked the climate and people of the Okanogan and Columbia valleys, and always wanted to live in this area.

Bill and Mary have lived in Okanogan ever since, except for trips to Alaska, Mexico and elsewhere. They enjoyed 40 wonderful years together, years of hiking, camping, deer

hunting, elk hunting, fishing and traveling throughout the Okanogan and other places. They bought a home in Puertecitos, Baja California, Mexico, to which they "migrated" every October until 2006, returning to Okanogan for summers. Health problems slowed him down, so Bill has been living year-round in Okanogan for the last five years. Bill was preceded in death by his parents, by all three sisters, a brother and by a step-daughter Patsy of West Bethel, Maine. He is survived by his wife, Mary, of Okanogan, and by his son, Daniel, of Hiram, Maine. He is also survived by a step-daughter, Dona, and a step-son, Eric, of Gilead, Maine. He is survived by nieces, nephews, grandchildren and great-grandchildren too numerous to name. A memorial service will be at Okanogan Presbyterian Church, 429 W. Oak St., Okanogan, Wash., on Saturday, July 2, 2011, at 1:00 p.m. In lieu of flowers, donations may be sent to the American Cancer Society. Donations may be made on-line at [www.cancer.org](http://www.cancer.org) or by mail to American Cancer Society P.O. Box 22718 Oklahoma City, OK 73123-1718 or by phone, 800-227-2345. Precht-Harrison-Nearents Chapel and the Okanogan Co. Crematory are in charge of the arrangements.

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