



REMEMBERING Bud Hoover

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Tribute from Nunes-Pottinger Funeral Service & Crematorium

Nunes-Pottinger Funeral Service Staff send our condolences to family and friends.

Tribute from Pamela Somerville Minor

Relation: Acquaintance

My condolences to Monika and all the family on the loss of Bud. The World is running out of Cowboys.

Tribute from Lorna Rissling

Bud was no ordinary person He lived well and was truly loved. He will be deeply missed. My condolences to Monica and family .

Tribute from Dave Hockin

Relation: Pool Hall kid

Greetings,

I am writing to express my condolences to the friends and family of Bud Hoover. I realize that it was over two years ago that Bud rode into the sunset but I just recently read his obituary when I thought to type his name into my computer.

I met Bud sixty years ago when he owned and operated Kerrisdale Billiards, first on West Blvd., then on 41st Ave. in Vancouver. I wasn't alone. Hundreds of predominantly teen age boys went to "the hall" to hang out, shoot pool, drink pop and learn to get along.

Bud's presence cannot be understated. He was in charge, friendly, welcoming (if you were over 16) and he expected a pool hall full of teen age hooligans to be respectful and polite or you could leave and not come back. Also, as everyone knew, God help the man who uttered a swear word when Mrs. Hoover was in the hall. Frequently Mrs. Hoover ran the hall, on her own, and the same rules applied, and if anyone even thought about bending those rules, their future was decidedly bleak.

Most of us regulars knew that Bud was an opera singer, although the pool hall radio only played early 60's rock n' roll from CKLG and CFUN, but that only added to Bud's larger than life persona. When I was about 16 and a half I told Bud I thought I was "getting pretty good" at pool. He said "let's see your shoe soles, no holes yet? You've got a ways to go." Obviously that has stayed with me and the lesson imparted in those few words.

In finding Bud's obit I have been sharing memories of Bud in the hall with friends from that era and they all have had great stories of his generosity and strong presence that had a positive influence at that time and place in our lives. One mentioned his "IOU Book." He carried short on change would be

pool sharks until they paid up or got lost.

There are just so many stories around the pool hall characters and Bud's time there and literally hundreds of young guys from that time still carry them. What is really great is Bud went to the wide open spaces and lived the life he wanted, and for a long time. He is truly inspiring, and a lot of those pool hall kids went out chasing their dreams too. Many of us were surprised his pool hall days weren't mentioned, considering their impact, but in a life long and well lived he rode many a winding trail. I hope this letter reaches his children and grand children and they know what Bud and the pool hall meant to hundreds of kids, all those years ago. Sincerely, Dave Hockin New Hazelton BC.

