



Garfield County Coroner's Office

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Date: June 29, 2016

Time: 2:30pm

Subject: Grizzly Creek Trail hiking death investigation.

Identity of Deceased: William Bevins (DOB 02/05/1957) of New Castle, CO.

On Monday June 27, 2016 at approximately 2:37pm the Garfield County Coroner's Office was notified of a death between the 1 and 1.5 mile marker of the Grizzly Creek Trail, Glenwood Canyon, Glenwood Springs, CO.

The reported circumstances are that the decedent was hiking with his wife and that he tripped hitting his head on a rock. Another hiker assisted with CPR until first responders from the Glenwood Springs Fire Department arrived to the patient and took over CPR. Ultimately, efforts were unsuccessful and the patient was pronounced dead.

The coroner's office investigation, including an autopsy performed today, are consistent with the reported circumstances and the death is being investigated as an accident.

Agencies assisting the Coroner's Office included the Garfield County Sheriff's Office, Glenwood Springs Fire Department, Garfield County Search & Rescue, and Forest Service Law Enforcement.

Dr. William Bevins is a well-known and respected emergency department physician who worked at Grand River Health and in the past at Valley View Hospital. The Bevins family asked that I include the following statement:

Monday afternoon, while hiking with his beloved wife, Dr. William "Bill" Bevins, Jr., stepped from Grizzly Creek Trail into the presence of his Savior, Jesus Christ. Born and educated in Kentucky, Dr. Bevins touched lives on several continents through his skill in emergency and tropical medicine, his passion for equipping a new generation of caregivers in emergency medical care, and most of all, his loving kindness. Locally, Dr. Bevins worked in the emergency rooms at Valley View and Grand River Health Hospitals. He practiced medicine in Kenya and Central Asia, and in the past decade, taught in over a dozen countries.



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Bill's family is heartbroken, but also grateful for the time they spent together over the years, sharing in the joys of God's creation. "Bill often called this part of the country 'paradise,' and he took time to appreciate it every day."

Services for Dr. Bevins will be held at New Creation Church, 44761 US-6, Glenwood Springs, CO 81601 at 10am on Saturday, July 2.

We appreciate prayers for all who are grieving. The Bevins family appreciates visitors, and requests that they phone prior to visiting. You can also contact the Bevins family at billbevinsjr@gmail.com or <https://www.facebook.com/BillBevinsMemorial/>

The coroner's office will not be releasing any additional information.

Respectfully,

Robert M. Glassmire
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