



## Harvey Hillegass

December 14, 1940 - April 9, 2019

Harvey Franklin Hillegass of Wenatchee, Washington, passed in peace this week at the age of 78.

Harvey is mourned by his family: his wife of nearly 38 years, OeSon Hillegass; daughter Gina Dyer; stepson Darrell Hahn; and grandchildren Jake Dyer, Nicole Dyer, and Mirabelle Hahn. He is also survived by his mother, Laura Hillegass, and sister Mary Karns. He is preceded in death by his father, Adam Hillegass, and by his son Robert Hillegass.

Harvey was born December 14, 1940, at his grandmother's house in Mann's Choice, Pennsylvania, where he spent his childhood in the village among a large extended Hillegass family. Having earned his Master's Degree in Chemistry, Harvey became a lifelong employee of ALCOA, working for the corporation in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania and then in Knoxville, Tennessee. In 1977, Harvey resettled in Wenatchee, where he spent the remainder of his career at the ALCOA Wenatchee Works. He retired as Chief Chemist in 1997.

Harvey was known as a great provider for his family: a man of quiet strength and endurance, whose work and influence directly enabled the generations he raised to prosper in their own lives. Outside of his chosen responsibilities, Harvey found enjoyment in his passion for sailing, culminating with many seasons during his very active retirement spent on Puget Sound.

In autumn 2015, Harvey was diagnosed with an aggressive cancer, which he fought with his natural persistence, before departing this life on the morning of Tuesday, April 9, 2019.

A Celebration of Life Service for Harvey Hillegass will be held at 2:00 PM on Monday, April 15, at Jones & Jones – Betts Memorial Chapel at 302 Ninth Street in Wenatchee. Harvey will be interred at his family plot in Bedford, Pennsylvania, during a private event later this spring.

# Previous Events

## Celebration of Life Service

APR **15**. 2:00 PM (PT)

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# Tribute Wall

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“ Rosie lit a candle in memory of Harvey Hillegass



Rosie - November 08, 2024 at 10:05 AM

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“ He was my dad’s stepdad, but my dad was more close to him than his own biological dad. he was my grandpap, and I miss him so much. From one star to another, you’ll always be in our hearts.

Rosie - November 08, 2024 at 10:04 AM

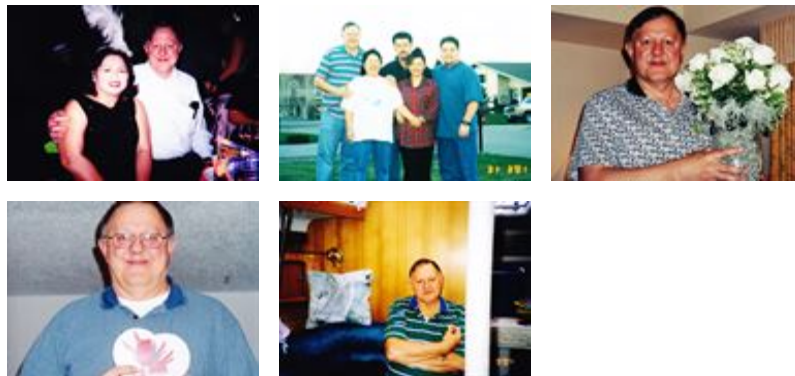
JJ

“ Harvey was like a brother and I will miss him. He was a good friend and neighbor! Love to his family. Jim Janning

Jim Janning - April 13, 2019 at 10:18 PM



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Jones & Jones~Betts Funeral Home - April 12, 2019 at 01:50 PM