



William R. Higgings

September 19, 1951 - September 24, 2016

William Russell Higgins

Quincy, WA

Beloved husband, father, brother, grandfather, Marine and friend, William Russell "Bill" (Santah) Higgins went to be with his Lord on September 24, 2016, in Skagit County, WA. Born in San Diego, CA, on September 19, 1951. Bill

graduated from Christian High School in San Diego. He proudly served in the United States Marine Corps, after which he attended numerous colleges and universities, earning degrees in English, Drama, and Education.

Bill spent his life working as a pastor, teacher, coach and school administrator. During the holidays, he played up his resemblance to Santa Claus and was known to hand out candy canes, talk to children and parents, and calm screaming babies. This hobby became a full-time practice in later years as he became a professional Santa at the Galleria Mall in Roseville, CA.

An avid motorcycle rider, Bill attended numerous bike rallies in Sturgis, SD, and participated in charity bike rides in several states. He recently powered through his second Iron Butt ride, where he rode his Harley one thousand

miles

in twenty-four hours.

Bill is survived by his wife, Tracy of Quincy, WA; children: Michael of Pullman, WA, Megan of Quincy, WA, Brian (Sara) of Wenatchee, WA, and Patrick

(Shelly) of Bozeman, MT; his grandchildren: Paige and Henry; his siblings, Thomas Higgins of Santee, CA, Kae Buvel of Coeur d'Alene, ID, and Fred Lear of

El Cajon, CA. He was preceded in death by daughter, Kathleen; brother, Lee; mother and father.

Friends and acquaintances are welcome to attend a wake-like gathering (Celebration of Life), which will take place at 2084 S. Methow St. in Wenatchee, WA, from 2:00 to 5:00 p.m. on Saturday, October 1, 2016. Casual attire is appropriate. In lieu of flowers, donations to the Kathleen Fiona Higgins Memorial Scholarship fund at Washington Trust Bank are encouraged and appreciated.