



## William H. "Bill" Kaysen

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Surrounded by his family, William "Bill" Henry Kaysen went to be with the Lord on Monday, August 8, 2016 ending his four and a half year battle with brain cancer. Bill was born on December 30, 1928 in Wenatchee, Washington—the only child to Hilda and William Henry Kaysen Sr. Spending his youth in Crescent Bar learning carpentry from his father, Bill also enjoyed playing all sports especially baseball and basketball. He carried this enthusiasm for sports throughout his whole life in playing, coaching and spectating. Bill loved the Seattle Mariners. He traveled to their spring training several times and in his later years loved to "coach" them from his recliner. Bill graduated from Quincy High School in 1946 and enlisted in the United States Air Force in November of 1948 where he served his country as a weather observer in Japan and Korea until September 1952.

On December 3, 1949, Bill married Catherine "Cathy" Elaine Wise in Wenatchee, WA. For over 60 years Cathy and Bill resided in Wenatchee, raised four children, committed their lives to their faith in Jesus Christ and found their calling in serving others. Cathy and Bill were approaching their 61st wedding anniversary when Cathy passed away November 11, 2010. Bill spent 31 years as the Production and Plant Manager for Pepsi-Cola Bottling Company in Wenatchee. Following retirement in 1991, Cathy and Bill loved to volunteer their time to many different organizations. For many years,

they traveled to New Windsor, Maryland to serve the Brethren Church for several months at a time. In addition to the time spent on the East Coast, Bill volunteered helping to rebuild homes on twelve different disaster relief projects across the United States as well as making two different mission trips to Africa—the last trip at age 83. When home in the Wenatchee Valley, Bill loved to volunteer for Habitat for Humanity and still found time to work part-time for Pepsi well into his retirement. Over the years, Bill completed and enjoyed many home improvement projects that Cathy and their children lined up for him—he never turned down an opportunity to help others. Bill was a member of the Brethren Baptist Church where he served as a deacon for many years.

Bill is survived by his children, Gary (Jean) of Spirit Lake, ID, David (Denise) of Waterville, WA, Camille (Greg) Wallis of Beaverton, OR and Cindy (Dave) Fishbourne of Wenatchee; ten grandchildren and ten great-grandchildren.

A Celebration of Life Service will be held at 4:00 p.m., on Friday, August 26, 2016 at Ohme Gardens, Wenatchee. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made in memory of William Kaysen to the Brethren Baptist Memorial Fund or Central Washington Hospital Hospice. Please express your thoughts and memories on the online guest book at [jonesjonesbetts.com](http://jonesjonesbetts.com).

Arrangements are by Jones & Jones – Betts Funeral Home.

# Previous Events

## Celebration of Life Service

AUG **26**. 4:00 PM (PT)

Ohme Gardens  
3327 Ohme Rd  
Wenatchee, WA 98801

# Tribute Wall

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“ We were saddened to learn of Bill’s passing. We recall with fondness the numerous times Bill and Catherine were a part of the New Windsor community and also enjoyed their gracious hospitality as guests in their home many years ago. They both exemplified what it means to be global citizens and servants to their neighbors. While we grieve the loss, we are blessed to have memories of dear friends that enrich our lives in many ways. Our prayers and blessings are extended to the entire family.

*Ed and Brenda Palsgrove  
New Windsor, Maryland*

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**Ed Palsgrove** - August 24, 2016 at 11:15 AM

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“ Bill and I have been good friends since he was born....2 years after my birth. We lived within a half mile of each other until WWII, when I enlisted into the Navy. Bill was always a great friend, a gentleman and a fine athlete...easily one of the best first basemen/hitters I ever teamed with. I was able to spend some time visiting with Bill last summer. Although he was suffering from the effects of his illness, he was conversant and up-beat. I will surely miss his (occasional) company and phone conversations. But, I am happy, as his family must be, that he is released from the awful effects of his cancer and that he can now rejoin Cathy for eternity. May God bless and support all the members of his (their) family during this time of grief for his loss.

*Don Rifenberg  
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**Don Rifenberg** - August 23, 2016 at 07:14 PM

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**Ed Palsgrove** - August 19, 2016 at 08:41 PM