



William L. "Bill" Dalton

January 21, 1927 - February 15, 2015

On my honor I will do my best to do my duty to God and my country and to obey the Scout law.

William L. (Bill) Dalton lived by these words until his passing on February 15, 2015.

Bill was born in Wilmington DE on January 21, 1927 to Harry L. Dalton and Estelle E. (Wise) Dalton. He joined his brother, Harry R. in this military family. Bill's father was a bandleader for the U.S. Army and they traveled extensively during Bill's youth. The family was stationed at Fort DuPont, Fort Clayton, Fort Logan, Fort Bliss and Fort Brown. His most memorable assignment was in Corozal, Panama where Bill first joined the Boy Scouts.

After graduation from high school in 1945, Bill enlisted in the Army. He was stationed in Zama, Japan with the Army of Occupation.

Returning home, he attended Chaffey Community College where he met the beautiful Anna Ruth Miller. They were married in 1951. From this union there were three daughters, Denise A. (John) Shutler, Mary Beth (Bob) Sherwood and Kristen L. (Jon) Peirce.

Bill's career with the Boy Scouts started in 1959. He was assigned to several Scouting Councils including Santa Barbara, Los Angeles, Fresno, Santa Maria, Salt Lake City and his final career move to Wenatchee in 1977. Bill

retired from the BSA in 1992.

During the family's time in Wenatchee, Ann was diagnosed with a brain tumor in 1985 and ovarian cancer in 1993. Ann died December 1993.

Bill met and married Judy Meinzer in 1995. With this marriage he added two more daughters to his family, Casey E. (Ben) Carrow and Allison M. Meinzer.

Bill was loved and respected by many and will be missed by his family and friends.

He is survived by his wife, Judy, three daughters, two step-daughters, 7 grandchildren, 7 step-grandchildren, 3 great-grandchildren and a community full of very dear friends.

The family wishes to thank the care partners and staff at Highgate for their compassion, love and kindness.

A memorial service will be held Saturday March 7, 2015 at 3:00 pm at the Wenatchee Church of the Nazarene, 1011 S. Miller. Please join us to celebrate his life. Memorials may be made to Boy Scouts of America-Wenatchee Area, 213 N. Chelan Ave. Wenatchee WA. 98801 or Chelan Douglas Land Trust, PO Box 4461 Wenatchee, WA. 98807. Please express your thoughts and memories on the online guest book at jonesjonesbetts.com. Arrangements are by Jones & Jones-Betts Funeral Home.

Previous Events

Service

MAR 7. 3:00 PM (PT)

Wenatchee Church of Nazarene
1011 S Miller Street
Wenatchee, WA 98801

Tribute Wall

HD

“ I did,t get to spend any time as a adult with my uncle. But what I can say is my Father Harry R Dalton and his brother were men of great integrity. Some times distance separates families it would have been nice to no my uncle better.. Harry D Dalton

Harry D Dalton - May 08, 2016 at 04:10 PM

HA

“ My grandfather, "Papa", was a great man. He was such a pleasure to visit - particularly because of his kindness and eagerness to serve. He would always give us cookies and sweet rolls when we came to visit! He truly was a messenger from God and, though I miss him, I know that God was delighted to see him. We will always remember you, Papa, for your message on earth lives on. Until we meet again, Papa. I love you.

- Your granddaughter, Havalah

Havalah - March 17, 2015 at 05:51 PM

HE

“ I always called him "Papa" and I loved him very much. I Have many memories of him. I loved all the things that he had collected over his years from Scouting and serving the military like his pins, hats, guns, and even a model ship! I loved coming to his house in Wenatchee to visit him and I think that he was a very good Grandfather. He lived great life in the military, scouting and living in Wenatchee with his dog, Lily. His first wife, Anna Ruth Dalton tragically died from cancer. He remarried Judy Dalton and they have lived a very happy life.

- Henry

Henry - March 17, 2015 at 04:54 PM

LA

“ Bill Dalton was truly a class act and apparently the last of a breed in professional scouters. The BSA has not been the same since he retired. Scouting was truly a part of the community with him at the helm, and rarely did a significant scouting or Rotary event occur that he was not present.
It was an honor to know Bill. May he rest easy in the loving arms of God until we meet again.

Len Anderson - March 06, 2015 at 06:53 PM

ME

“ I was saddened to read that Bill Dalton has died. I knew him as a kind and gentle man through our time spent in Rotary. His life has touched the lives of many in a way that can be best described as transformational. As family, know that you are in my thoughts and prayers during your time of grief. May the happy and loving memories you have of ,Bill, help to sustain you during your grief.

Mary Alice Eberle - March 02, 2015 at 04:35 PM



“ I always remember Bill being there for Rotary projects to lend a hand in so many ways. He encouraged us all and had a kind word for people. What a member he was for me as a new member.

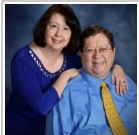
James Russell - March 01, 2015 at 09:56 PM



“ Our thoughts and prayers go out to the Dalton Family. Mr. Dalton was a great leader that influenced me and my fellow scouts greatly. He led by example. My brother and I are both Eagle Scouts as are two of our best friends. Of my 5 sons, 2 are Eagles and my third son will complete his Eagle project at the end of March with my 4th son currently a Star Scout and my 5th is a Webelos. Thank You Mr. Dalton for setting the stage of excellence for me and so many other young men. Your service is greatly appreciated and the numerous seeds you have planted will continue to grow in Men's and Young Men's lives for years to come.

Jay Holcomb-Wenatchee(Katy Texas)

James Holcomb - February 25, 2015 at 09:35 AM



“ Bill was a mentor to me as a young man. He truly lived the Scout motto and I will never forget the lessons that he taught. My three now grown sons also learned many things that they have carried through life. Bill touched the lives of so many in our Community. And now no more pain nor sorrow as he sets with Jesus and enjoys his crown of glory.

Steven Guffy - February 21, 2015 at 08:07 PM

DL

“ Bill was the new boy on the block after Stan Grimm's retirement as the Scout Executive, but he dug his heels in and served us well for many years.

He was my main counselor when I went through the Woodbadge Training at Diamond Lake. Without his expertise and patience, this would have been much more difficult for me....and many others who needed exactly what he was able to give so easily.

May you have many more happy and rewarding Scouting adventures in your "new life"!

I send my love to you, his family. D. Wayne Lewis, Wenatchee

D. Wayne Lewis - February 20, 2015 at 08:03 PM

KM

“ *I will always think of your dad Kristen, when I get my Starbucks! I also remember when he would visit you at King's....he was such a gentle spirit. Love to you all! Kristi Miller*

Kristi Miller - February 20, 2015 at 02:12 PM

ET

“ *Dear Dalton Family,
It is with both sadness and joy that recount the wonderful memories
of knowing Bill*

*Our relationship extended in many "good" things in Wenatchee:
Scouting, Rotary, Faith, and Politics. Probably the "highpoint" was
when Dr. Robert Schuller came to honor Bill with the Good Scout
Award.*

*Bill certainly practiced what he preached. That is a sign of a great
leader.*

Sincerely,

EEarl and Barbara Tiilly

Earl and Barbara Tilly - February 20, 2015 at 12:35 PM



“ *I had the pleasure of Bill's company at Bloomfields MiniMart for
many years that I worked there. He was always such a kind soul. I
enjoyed running into him out in the community for many years after I
left the store, and he was always happy to see me. Heaven has
gained a sweet soul. He will be missed*

Lisa Earhart - February 19, 2015 at 11:58 PM