



William E. McDonald

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Bill peacefully left this world at his home on Monday the 17th of September surrounded by family. Bill came into this world, also at home, prematurely, easily fitting in the palm of his father's hand, in Casper, Wyoming on the 28th of March 1934. His parents, made sure to keep the stove fire burning ensuring Bill's comfort while wrapped in lamb's wool above the stove in a bread basket. He graduated from Entiat High School in 1952. His father owned McDonald Building in Entiat where Bill became a journeyman carpenter, working at the Rock Island and Rocky Reach Dam(s) and the 520 Floating Bridge. It was a profession that served him well his whole life.

After high school he joined the Air Force and upon completion of his four years, he went to Wenatchee Junior College on the GI Bill and there met his wife to be, the "Greek-Bombshell" as he affectionately called her, Koula Lolos. They wed in 1959, a year later their first son Bob was born. They then moved to Seattle to finish Bill's schooling at the UW and Billy was born. After graduating, the family moved back to Wenatchee, had son number three, Nick, and Bill started his career as a probation officer, working in Chelan, Okanogan and Douglas Counties. He retired in 1993, which the family laughingly remembers was the exact day his wife told him not to.

Bill's philosophy was to live a happy life, which he did with exuberance. He

enjoyed spending time with his boys – some highlights are; with Bob, from the classic to the exotic cars, with Billy flying in the Boeing simulator and with Nick going to Alaska on the boat, watching movies and falling asleep to the purr of the motors. He and his exuberance is greatly missed.

Bill is survived by his wife of almost 60 years, Koula and his sons Bob, Bill (Brook) and Nick (Kirsten), his grandson Darius and his four furry grand-dogs, as well as his brothers Gary (Anita) and Jim (Pat). He was preceded in death by his parents and sister (Jeannine).

His Celebration of Life will be held Friday the 5th of October at 1pm with Rosary on Thursday the 4th at 5pm at St. Joseph's Church in Wenatchee. In lieu of flowers, he asked any donations be made to the Three Hierarchs Orthodox Church, or Central Washington Hospital Hospice (the family greatly appreciates the loving care provided by Adriene, Kim and Carla of hospice).

Cemetery Details

Wenatchee City Cemetery

1804 N. Western
Wenatchee, WA 98801

Previous Events

Rosary

OCT 4. 5:00 PM (PT)

St. Joseph's Catholic Church
625 S Elliott
Wenatchee, WA 98801
(509) 662-4569
<http://www.stjosephwen.org/>

Mass of Christian Burial

OCT 5. 1:00 PM (PT)

St. Joseph's Catholic Church
625 S Elliott
Wenatchee, WA 98801
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Tribute Wall

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“ *May there be Peace, Prayers and Loving Memories for the McDonald family now and always.*

The Virgil King Family ~

The King Family - October 15, 2018 at 04:58 PM

GI

“ *Koula and Family,
I am so sorry for Bill's passing.
Please know that you all are in my thoughts and prayers.
God Bless,
G.A. Irby*

G.A. Irby - October 02, 2018 at 04:24 PM

AC

“ Dear Bill,

It is hard for me to believe that we are writing your last chapter. How well I remember when you arrived from Casper, Wyoming with your family to begin the sixth grade. That would be the year 1946 in Entiat, Washington.

I want to thank you for the memories, our school days, the laughs, the good times and our lasting friendship. I still think that childhood memories last forever. Could't we spend a lifetime revisiting those times? Maybe sometime in another place and another time. You were a true friend, charming, delightful and easy. That is how I shall always know you.

i recall coming into your warm home when you were not feeling well. I looked around and saw how comfortable your wonderful wife Koula, had made the house for you. I wanted to just sit in your silence. I loved those times just sitting with you.

So Godspeed dear friend Bill McDonald. Happy journey and rest easy. May you touch the beautiful face of Jesus as you fly, fly away.

Sincerely, Foster & Dorothy Copeland

"Softly and tenderly Jesus is calling"

and Dorothy Copeland - September 23, 2018 at 09:17 PM



“ *Bev Hauff lit a candle in memory of William E. McDonald*



Bev Hauff - September 23, 2018 at 07:17 PM

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“ *Hearing stories of my mom and Bill recently was priceless. I wish we had been able to have more time together. Bob and I are sending our love to everyone.*

susan schulte - September 22, 2018 at 02:12 PM

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“ *Susan Schulte lit a candle in memory of William E. McDonald*



susan schulte - September 22, 2018 at 02:09 PM