



William Martin McGaughey

March 1, 1935 - October 31, 2022

William “Bill” M. McGaughey, 87, a lifelong resident of Wenatchee died October 31, 2022, after a brief stay at Blossom Creek Memory Care, Wenatchee.

He was born March 1, 1935 in Erie, Colorado to Patrick and Anna (Cummings) McGaughey. The family moved to Wenatchee in 1937, living on Walker St., just around the corner from The Ferry St. Market where his father was a butcher.

June 15, 1955 Bill married his high school sweetheart Carol M. (Moore) McGaughey whom he met at an Alcoa open house. They married just days after Carol graduated from Wenatchee High School. His lifelong dedication and intense love for his wife was unwavering. Their successful 67-year partnership gave them four sons; Brian McGaughey (Marti) of Orcas Island, Ron McGaughey (Jill Risley) of Manson, Larry McGaughey (Andrea) of East Wenatchee, and Bruce McGaughey (Karen) of Issaquah, eight grandchildren; William, Patrick, Tyler (Veronica), Alicia, Emily, Caroline, Gracie, and Ian, great grandchildren Lucas and Xander

Bill’s lifelong career began at age 12 as a Wenatchee Daily World paperboy. In 1953, at age 18, he became an apprentice printer and learned how to be a linotype operator, known as hot metal. He worked for the newspaper 49 years, eventually becoming the composing-room foreman. Early in his career he worked long hours as a linotype operator, sometimes moonlighting at the Cashmere Valley Record newspaper to provide for his young family. In 1971

Bill guided the Wenatchee World transition into cold type by operating and maintaining large mainframe phototypesetter computers that printed out paper film copy for paste-up.

Bill enjoyed spending time with his family; first with a swimming pool, then snowmobiling, ocean weekends, and later, annual August houseboat trips on Lake Roosevelt.

At different times in his life, he was a Ham Radio operator, a member of Wenatchee Rotary and the treasurer for the Wenatchee World Credit Union. Bill learned to play the piano after retirement and traveled with his wife Carol. He loved printing birthday cards for his family. He loved nature, his family and his dogs. In later years they were more important to him than anyone could know, often joking that they were not actually spoiled and that no dog was going to run his life.

Bill was always fascinated by the stars, planets and galaxies. May he be at home and at peace with the creator of such mysteries.

He was preceded in death by his parents and his 3 brothers.

Donations can be made in Bill's memory to The Wenatchee Humane Society. Memorial service is November 19, at 1:00 pm, Jones & Jones-Betts Funeral Home.

Previous Events

Memorial Service

NOV **19**. 1:00 PM (PT)

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Tribute Wall

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“ Hello McGaughey family,
I was so sorry to hear of Bill's passing. Your dad, husband, grandpa was an inspiration. He is a man whom I respected and admired. Bill and my dad spent many, many years at the Wenatchee World, working as part of a tight knit family of devoted employees to produce an amazing daily newspaper for North Central Washington. I remember how Bill helped lead the Wenatchee World from old linotype to computer prepress—what a huge change for the publication. And I can recall how Bill was always interested in what I was up to whenever I would see him at the newspaper or at your home. I will always remember him as a kind, smart man who was devoted to his family.

I have so many memories of spending time with all of you as a kid, growing up a short distance from your home on McKittrick Street. Ron and Larry, we were best buddies. Brian, great times in the Wenatchee High School stage band and wind ensemble. Bruce, you were the fun loving younger brother and you always impressed me with your intelligence. Carol, always so kind and gracious—the best mom to your sons.

Thinking about all of you. May your memories of Bill give you some peace and comfort during this difficult time of grieving.

With sympathy,
Craig Gillin

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