



## Dourland Ralph Bird

Dourland Ralph Bird was born June 21, 1938, to Ralph & Naomi Bird in Bemidji, North Dakota. He was the oldest of 9 children.

As a boy, Dourland enjoyed hunting, fishing and playing outdoors with his siblings. The family moved to Whatcom County where Dourland attended Meridian High School. After graduation he joined the Navy in 1957, he was stationed in the Philippines.

When Dourland returned to Whatcom County he met Arlene Chase, and they married in 1959. Dourland & Arlene had 4 children Gary, Gail, Greg & Gene. They made their family home in Ferndale where they still live today.

Dourland worked at Intalco for 33 years, retiring in 2000. In his spare time, Dourland loved team roping, volunteering in the Sheriffs Possie, working on cars, playing music, trap shooting and traveling to their home in Arizona.

Dourland was preceded in death by his parents Ralph & Naomie Bird, siblings Dale Downs, Gloria Hodges, and William (Billy) Bird. Sons Gary & Gene Bird, and daughter Gail Hanson. Dourland leaves behind his wife of 63 years Arlene Bird, Son Greg (Sandra) Bird, Son in Law Steve Hanson. Grand Children Ashley, Gary, Steven, Kaylen & Mallory. Great grandchildren Jacek & Tanner. Siblings Garold (Diane) Bird, Lary Bird, Beverly Mackner, Karen

(William) Terpsma, Bob (MaryAnne) Bird and a large extended family including many nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

Services will be held June 28th at Moles Greenacres 5700 Northwest Dr. Ferndale. A viewing will begin at 9am in the chapel and graveside service will begin at 10am. In lieu of flowers his wife has asked donations to be made to Wounded Warrior Project in Dourland's name.

To share memories of Dourland, please visit his online guestbook at [www.molesfarewelltributes.com](http://www.molesfarewelltributes.com)

# Tribute Wall

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“ ARLENE, JUST WANT YOU TO KNOW WE THINKING ABOUT YOU AT THIS TIME. WE ARE NOW LIVING IN SCENIC ARIZONA, WE ARE CLOSE TO KRISTI AND HER DAUGHTERS AND OUR GREAT GRANDSON ADREIL ENRQUIZE 6 YEARS . BETTY AND JERRY STONEKING

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**BETTY STONEKING** - July 01, 2022 at 12:00 AM

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“ Love you Uncle Dourland you will be missed by many. Tell GGpa and GGma I said hi.

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**Traci Zysset** - June 27, 2022 at 12:00 AM

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“ Karen, Bill, and all friends and loved ones of Dourland'.  
We just want to extend our sympathy to all of you on your loss!!  
Love to all of you,  
Hank and Kathy Poortinga

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**Hank & Kathy Poortinga** - June 27, 2022 at 12:00 AM