



## Elwin Stanley Hillius

July 29, 1934 - October 25, 2015

Elwin died peacefully surrounded by his loved ones. He was born on July 29, 1934 in Bellingham, WA to Stella (Stuurmans) Hillius and Elten H. Hillius.

Elwin married Esther Pearson in 1966 and they had 3 children. He also had 3 children from a previous marriage.

Elwin lived his entire life in Whatcom County, attending local schools, and graduating from Bellingham High School in 1952. He worked as a pipefitter at the Bellingham Shipyard, working on minesweepers. He spent 32 years driving fuel trucks for Diamond 'B'.

Elwin spent his summers on commercial fishing boats, fishing Alaska waters and Puget Sound.

He loved the water, whether it was commercial fishing or sport fishing. He started his fishing career at age 16 out of Friday Harbor on the 'Denny M' ending on the 'Joseph' out of Bellingham in 1975.

Elwin and Esther loved to travel and took many trips to Maui, loving every moment they spent there. They also traveled with their children, visiting many places where there was either a beautiful beach or a mountain. Cannon Beach became a family favorite.

Elwin was baptized as one of Jehovah's Witnesses in 1974. He loved his door to door service, sharing his hope for the 'Paradise Earth' promised in the Bible. He also enjoyed gardening and watching sports.

Elwin leaves his wife Esther of 49 years; daughters Shannon Bunker (Tod), Daphne Rasmusson (David); son Scott Hillius (Sasha Nielsen); granddaughters Kelci and Mya Rasmusson and Mica Renee Hillius; sister Gertrude, all of Whatcom County.

Daughter Rhonda Lane (Scot); sons Randy Hillius (Kris) and Robert Hillius (Josphine); grandsons Joshua and Jayson Lane and Jacob Hillius; granddaughter Taylor Hillius, all of Pierce County. Granddaughter Sharna and Amber Hillius; great grandchildren Austin, Lilly, Parker and Leif. He is also survived by numerous relatives of Lynden. Elwin was preceded in death by his parents, brother Pearson, and son Richard.

A Memorial Service will be held on Saturday, November 14, 2015 at 3:00 pm at The Kingdom Hall, 1525 Electric Ave, Bellingham, followed by a reception from 4:00-5:30pm at Moles Farewell Tributes, 2465 Lakeway Dr., Bellingham.

# Tribute Wall

JR

“ My heart is very sad in hearing of Elwin’s death. I worked with him for about fifteen years at Diamond B until his retirement. He always had a smile and a happy heart, even at work. He could never understand people that were grumpy and when he would just say good morning, they wouldn’t even answer him. I was always glad when I had a chance to work alongside Elwin. I have so many great memories of Elwin and his smile and laugh made your day go easy. I am so sorry for his families loss. Elwin made this world a better place.

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**Joe Reese** - October 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

SB

“ I will miss my PaPa (PoP) so much.  
Pop,  
You were always there for me, no matter what, good or bad. That is what made you so extra special to me. I love you so much.  
I will always cherish are times together....especially when i was younger, like fishing or watching football. You taught us how to be responsible and have pride in everything we do.  
I will miss your wit and sarcasm. You will always be in my heart, and i will miss you every day.  
Love you Pop

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**Shannon Bunker** - October 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

AN

“ I’m so sorry for your loss. Great men often leave a footprint on your heart and Elwin was definitely one of those men. My thoughts go out to each of you at this time.

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**Angee** - October 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

HH

“ Sorry to hear about Elwin. I know it will leave a gaping hole in your life Esther. May Jehovah bless your activity.E3DdD

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**Helen Hayes** - October 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

SH

“ You were the greatest father any son could've asked for, or expected in this world. You taught me about character, integrity and to take 100% responsibility for your life and everything in it. You made me the man that I am and I am eternally grateful for that. The sacrifices you made for your family were extraordinary, and will never be forgotten.

*I love you dad.*

*~Scott*

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**Scott Hillius** - October 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM