



## George Kla-hahsh Keegahn

January 6, 1929 - April 7, 2022

George Kla-hahsh Keegahn died at his home, in the presence of his family, on April 7th, 2022, at Bellingham. He was born, George Keegan Williams, Jr. to George Keegan Williams and Marie Jackson Williams on January 6th, 1929 in Wrangell, Alaska. He changed his name in 1973.

George grew up in Ketchikan, Alaska working with his father on their commercial fishing vessel, the Ann Page. He served in the U.S. Army from 1951 to 1952.

He earned a BA in Education from Walla Walla College (University) and a Master's in Education from Western Washington University. After teaching school for thirty-four years, he worked as a substitute teacher for ten years.

George was a member of Bellingham Seventh Day Adventist Church. He also attended Central Lutheran Church and Trinity Lutheran Church.

Survivors are his wife of 53 years, Kathleen Beyett Keegahn, his son Seth B. Keegahn, daughters, Leah J. Keegahn (Jon C. Leathers), Felice A. Keegahn (Richard R. Rijkhoff) and his granddaughter Clara J. Leathers, all of Bellingham. Also surviving are numerous nieces and nephews including, George (Buzz) K. Anderson. Grace M. Rud, Marie Ann Van Riper and Tema R. Trumbo, all out of state.

George was predeceased by his parents, his three sisters, Beatrice Pearl Watson, Minnette Faith Tiffany, and his infant sister Sarah Joy Willams, several nieces and nephews, his beloved feline friends and Skippy, the little white dog of his boyhood, who never left him.

The family held a private service. In lieu of flowers the family requests that you remember George by laughing at a corny joke.

# Tribute Wall

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“ Awwww Good Bye Mr. Keegahn. I had him as one of my teachers in Ferndale School District. He was a good teacher..

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**Stacie** - February 26, 2024 at 12:00 AM

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“ I was sad to see that George had passed. My husband and I loved our time with him. Though it had been years since we'd last seen him, we will never forget his smile! He was one of the kindest and most joy-filled people I have ever had the privilege of knowing. God bless George's family.

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**Shari Walsh** - July 16, 2023 at 12:00 AM

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“ I knew him as Mr. Williams as my 4th and 5th grade teacher in Chinook WA. 1962-1964. He was a good basketball player and we all loved to play, so it was a good fit. We learned a lot from him. Spinning the ball on his finger was his specialty. I can remember the Christmas program in the gym. He painted a beautiful manger mural on the stage as a backdrop, and finished the program singing " Little Drummer Boy". The crowd was in joyful tears. People still talk about it! I ran into him in Bellingham in around 1975 and he told me about the name change. What a guy! Best regards to the family.

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**Bob Nyberg** - May 08, 2022 at 12:00 AM