



Merritt Hiram Washburn

January 16, 1942 - March 3, 2025

Merritt Washburn died at home on Monday, March third after a long illness. His wife, Suzann, was by his side. Merritt was born in his childhood home in Birch Bay. He was the apple of the eye of his mother, father and three older sisters. Much of his childhood was spent riding his bike along the beach and working his putting green job at Halversons Resort/Seashore Inn for 10 cents an hour. Merritt participated in sports until his high school graduation in 1960 and remained an avid fan for the remainder of his life. He met the love of his life, Suzann Hawkins, in high school. They married in 1963 and remained together until his passing sixty-one years later. Merritt and Suzann expanded their family in 1970 with the birth of their son, Merritt Spencer Washburn.

Love of work was a lifelong passion for Merritt. He loved working with people and tried many different professions during his lifetime. His career began at Montour Chevron at eighteen years of age and ended at Hills Chevron at eighty-two. During the years between Merritt was a haberdasher, cobbler and seamstress as owner and operator of Merritt's Clothing for eighteen years. He also tendered in Alaska, gillnetted in Puget Sound and served at Customs Border Protection in Blaine and Point Roberts for twenty-six years.

Merritt spent his eighty-three years learning, working hard and enjoying life. Nothing in those eighty-three years brought him more pleasure than the love of his family. Watching his son grow and experience his love of sports, and to

pass that passion on to his grandchildren, Rylie and Spencer, was a lifelong source of joy for Merritt. If Merritt was here today, he would want to thank his wonderful family and friends for a great life. Eighty-three years was not enough!

Merritt is preceded in death by his parents Eddy and Olive Washburn and sisters Eunice (Benny) Larsen and Ethel (Ray) Montour. He is survived by his wife Suzann, son Merritt Spencer, grandchildren Rylie and Spencer, sister Bonnie Larson, nephew Albert (Judy) Larsen and nieces Debbie (Jeff) Fisher and Katrina (Kevin) Ramsey.

A celebration of Merritt's life will be held at a later date.

Tribute Wall

KJ

“ I’m so sorry Duffy and Sue. So many of my memories from growing up are from things Merritt did for me. I spent a lot of time at your house and so many times Merritt would include me and pay for things so I could enjoy time with your family. Trap shooting was a favorite of mine. He always was there to make sure I got the right clothes too! Took me to lots of BHS games before we were in HS. So many great memories of Merritt I will forever cherish. Sending prayers to you, Ken Hudson

KEN HUDSON JR - March 29, 2025 at 12:00 AM

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“ I’m so sorry for your loss. Merritt was the ultimate class act and gentleman. I recall him sponsoring Still’s Termites my dad’s Little League team. At the end of every summer I would buy my school clothes and athletic equipment from him. If he didn’t have it at the store he would order it for me. I am honored I had the opportunity to have known him.

Bill Rodgers - March 21, 2025 at 12:00 AM