



William Fielding Davis

June 21, 1936 - September 6, 2017

William “Bill” Fielding Davis was born to Archie and Geneva Davis in Bellingham, WA on June 21, 1936. Bill passed away peacefully at home on September 6, 2017 with his family after a short but courageous battle with cancer. Bill graduated from Sedro Wooley High School in 1954 and attended the University of Washington before serving in the US Army in Fort Hood, Texas. Bill married Frances “Fran” Renlie in Bellingham on November 14, 1958.

Bill worked as a civil engineer for the Washington Department of Transportation for 37 years before retiring in 1997. Bill was very active with the Mount Baker Ski Patrol for many years and served as the assistant director. He was also active with the Bellingham Jaycees and served as a past president. He was a longtime member of Central Lutheran Church.

Bill’s family and friends meant everything to him. He and Fran never missed a birthday of their kids or 9 grandchildren. They attended a majority of their multiple sporting events. Bill enjoyed staying physically active and he and Fran could be seen down at the Marina on their daily 2.5 mile walk. He took a personal interest in everyone he met and always looked at ways to help others.

Besides his family he enjoyed, camping, rebuilding his MG’s, music, traveling,

road trips and fishing. For over 20 years he had been meeting daily with his good group of buddies for morning coffee at Haggen. They were friends discussing life and sharing opinions on how to solve all the world's problems!

Bill is survived by his wife Fran to whom he was happily married for almost 59 years. He is also survived by his sister Kathy Groves of Colorado; children Mike (Heidi) of Snohomish, Stacey (Grant) Nelson of Olympia, Katie (Andy) Finley of Yakima and grandchildren Luke, Jake, Emme and Tucker Davis, Garrett & Gunnar Nelson, and Dawson, Bailey & Jackson Finley, as well as numerous nieces and nephews.

Services will be held on Friday, September 15, 2017 at 11:00 a.m. at Central Lutheran Church in Bellingham. Memorials can be made to Central Lutheran Church or Whatcom Hospice.

Tribute Wall

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“ *The Davis family has always been an inspiration to me and my life’, both physically and spiritually. Mike you inspired me in baseball as youth player, Fran inspired me to be a responsible and a respectful person, Stacy taught me the importance of “woman laugh” and Katie I think about you everyday. Bill you taught me the importance of having a good job and a love for the mountains. That’s why I now work for WSDOT at the Mt Baker “Shuksan” facility.
God Bless*

Brian L - March 17, 2025 at 12:00 AM

DM

“ *Fran and Family, You all are so much in our prayers at the Home going of Bill. It meant so very much to me to be able to say those few words to Bill on the phone the day before his passing and I am happy I had those couple of hours to visit with Bill a year ago when we were in Bellingham. Bill was a Great Guy and will be greatly missed!
Dick and Shirley Manley
Casa Grande, AZ*

Dick Manley - September 06, 2017 at 12:00 AM

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“ *Family, I am so sorry for your loss. Bill always had a big smile for me every time our paths crossed. I will forever cherish my last memory in late July at a sunny Bells game in Joe Martin stadium, when Bill greeted me with his typical big smile after I reintroduced myself. His smile always made me feel comfort and welcome.
God bless your family.*

Brian Longanecker - September 06, 2017 at 12:00 AM

RG

“ *Dear Fran and Family — We were so sorry to learn of Bill's passing when we returned from vacation. Roger always enjoyed his time with Bill on the Mt. Baker Ski Patrol. You are in our thoughts and prayers. Hugs to all of you, Roger and Theresa*

Roger and Theresa Gresley - September 06, 2017 at 12:00 AM