



Dr. William "Bill" Henry Griffin, Ed.D.

March 31, 1933 - October 10, 2021

Bill Griffin was born in Seattle on March 31, 1933, the only son of William and Ruth Griffin. This was the second marriage for both Ruth and William and Bill had four half-brothers and one half-sister.

As a youth in Bellingham Bill was active in the Boy Scouts of America achieving the ranks of Air Scout Ace and Eagle Scout. Scouting remained a passion throughout his life receiving many awards for his service.

He graduated from Bellingham High School in the Class of 1951, and from the University of Washington with a Bachelor of Arts degree in 1956.

After graduation from Washington and receiving a commission in the United States Navy he married Rose Marie Little on June 15, 1956, at University Presbyterian Church in Seattle, Washington.

Bill earned his "Wings of Gold" as a Naval Aviator and served in the Navy for 20 years, retiring in 1976 with the rank of Lieutenant Commander. One of his last roles in the Navy was serving as the mentor for the first group of female Naval Aviators as they progressed through flight school.

While in the Navy he earned a Master of Education Degree from the University of West Florida. After retiring from the Navy, he earned a Doctorate

in Education from the University of Southern Mississippi.

After earning his doctorate, Bill began a second career as an educator and administrator at the University of West Florida in Pensacola, Florida. He retired in 1998 after 20 years with the University and Bill and Rose relocated to Bellingham.

In retirement both Bill and Rose were very active in the Mount Baker Council of the Boy Scouts of America. Bill served as the council president from 2007-2009.

Bill was preceded in death by his parents and siblings.

He is survived by his wife of 65 years Rose; son William Mark Griffin and his wife Janet of Kennewick, Washington; daughter Jorji Marie Raskob and her husband Anthony William Raskob Jr., of Colorado Springs, Colorado; grandchildren William Richard Griffin (Jessy) of Blaine, Washington; Robert Clark Griffin (Kat) of Clermont, Florida; Brian Mark Griffin (Emily) of Kennewick, Washington; Anthony William Raskob, III, (Shannon) of Colorado Springs, Colorado; Dr. Kathleen Marie Raskob of San Francisco, California; and Henry Clay Raskob of Colorado Springs, Colorado; and three great-grandchildren.

Donations in Bill's memory may be made to the charity of your choice, the Whatcom Hospice Foundation, or the Mount Baker Council of the Boy Scouts of America.

Services will be held at a later date. Please check back here for details.

Tribute Wall

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“ Dear Rose, Jorgi, Mark and Family. We send our deepest sympathy to you all over the loss of your dear husband, father and grandfather. We have such wonderful memories of the swim meet/practice days at PJC and Dee has of working with Bill on the Lady Lex. Those days will always be embedded in our hearts along with thought of you wonderful folks. We pray God will draw close to you and give you His comfort and peace at this time of great sadness but will lift you up in the days ahead as you think of the long, amazing life that Bill lived and the legacy he has left you.
Linda & Dee Haden

Dee & Linda Haden - November 02, 2021 at 12:00 AM

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“ Condolences from sailors from Pensacola Yacht Club. Enjoyed sailing with Bill.
Also enjoyed hiking Philmont with him and the boys from troop 495.

Neil McMillan - November 01, 2021 at 12:00 AM

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“ Our sincere condolences to the family. We have remembered our good times while serving together on Lady Lex....

Bob & Mary Jo Parsons - October 31, 2021 at 12:00 AM