



## William "Bill" H. Franklin

August 12, 1941 - January 15, 2020

William "Bill" Franklin passed away unexpectedly on January 15, 2020 at his home at age 78.

Born in Neptune, New Jersey on August 12, 1941, Bill's parents returned to Whatcom county when he was only one. Growing up on Lummi Island as a teenager, Bill worked for his dad at their family business, Franklin Electric. While putting himself through college, Bill became a janitor at Bellingham Police Department and then moved up to be a Jailer. After working as a Jailer for only a year, he moved into the Sheriff's Dept. and became an Officer. Over the years Bill worked for several different law enforcement agencies including; Sergeant at Lynden P.D., Resident Deputy for Point Roberts, Resident Deputy for Newhalem, and finished his long career as the Sergeant of the Whatcom County Sheriff's Department.

In retirement years, Bill loved fishing and hunting in Montana with the Gasvoda family and the many friends he made while spending time over there. He also loved to spend his days sharing his knowledge of guns down at Dave's Sporting Shop in Lynden and having coffee at The Fairway Café, where he was known to share stories of his life experiences to anyone who would listen.

Bill was preceded in death by his parents, Howard and Hazel (Keeter)

Franklin.

He is survived by his sister, Dixie (Lynn) Hickey; nephews, Mark Hickey and Jeff (Amie) Hickey, great-nieces, Tasia Hickey, Kenna Hickey, and Brittany Peetoom; great nephews, Kole Hickey and Banner Hafner; great-great niece Shalom Hickey; and many more great-great nieces, nephews, and extended family.

Bill will be greatly missed by all whose lives he touched.

There will be a celebration of Bill's life at the Mt. Baker Rotary Building (1751 Front St, Lynden, WA 98264) on February 9th from 1pm to 4pm.

# Tribute Wall

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“ I am sad about his passing and send my condolences to his family. He worked hard and long for the Whatcom County Sheriff's office. And was dedicated to his work. I am sorry that I can not attend his memorial service as I am out of state.  
Respectfully  
Larry Mount

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**Larry Mount** - February 03, 2020 at 12:00 AM

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“ My thoughts and prayer are with Bills family at this time. May your Faith, Family, Friends and Many Happy Memories help you in the days to come. I first meet Doe, as our Whatcom County sheriff in Newhalem. Our family spent many fun weekends fishing with him on the bay. Take care, I care.

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**Linda Miles** - February 02, 2020 at 12:00 AM

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“ Prayers for your entire family. I have known Bill for many years and just discovered we were both born on 12 August. Blessings, Dixie.

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**Shirley Fuller Nielsen** - January 29, 2020 at 12:00 AM