



William "Bill" L. Bird

April 1, 1949 - June 12, 2021

Bill Bird passed away from an unexpected illness late Saturday, June 12, 2021 at the age of 72 years old.

He was born on April 1, 1949 in Bellingham, WA to Ralph and Naomi (Bunker) Bird one of nine children. He grew up in the small community of Laurel, north of Bellingham.

He was an avid member of the Boy Scouts and his group represented Whatcom County at the Jamboree in Colorado. He graduated from Meridian High School in 1968. Bill skipped school to enlist in the Navy and proudly served his country. After getting out of the military he spent a year in Florida with his sister Gloria & her family. He went to work for Mackners in Ellensburg and eventually hauled produce south for them. In 1990 he hauled corn for Twin City Foods for the season. He then went to work for Joe and Marlene Peterson in 1991 and relocated to the Bellingham area. He was a proud truck driver for 50 plus years, he enjoyed working for many different companies ending his career with Cowden Gravel and Ready Mix in Bellingham.

On November 23, 1991 he married Darlene Brese and they made their home in Ferndale. They would have been married 30 years this November 23rd. He was a member of the American Legion Post 86, Blaine. Billy enjoyed fishing, hunting, karaoke, and sang every chance he got. He enjoyed visiting

everyone at the Main Street in Ferndale on his day off and playing pull tabs to bring Darlene home a variety of prizes!! He was loved by all the kids for his Donald Duck imitation. He had no problem getting down on the floor and playing with them including Chutes & Ladders with his great-great nieces. He also played Santa Claus and bought presents for the children. Even though he had no children of his own he had many four-legged kids including Bud, Weiser, Tinker, and Heidi Bird.

He was preceded in death by his parents, sisters Dale Downs and Gloria Hodges, sister-in-law Peggy Bird, brother-in-law Dan Mackner, niece Gail Hanson, and nephews Gene and Gary Bird, Ricky Downs, James Singleton and Dave McCutchen.

He is survived by his wife Darlene, brothers Dourland (Arlene) Bird, Larry (Lee) Bird, Garold (Dianne) Bird, Bobby (Mary Ann) Bird, sisters Bev Mackner and Karen (Bill) Terpsma, many nieces and nephews, great nieces and nephews and great-great nieces and nephews and special friends Rob and Donna Downs.

Graveside services will be Thursday June 24th at 10AM at Greenacres Memorial Park (5700 NW Dr. Ferndale) with a luncheon following at American Legion Post 86 (4580 Legion Dr, Blaine). The memorial service will be held Saturday June 26th at 2PM at American Legion Post 86 (4580 Legion Dr, Blaine).

Memorials may be made to Wounded Warriors.

Tribute Wall

JP

“ Our condolences to entire Bird family. We sure enjoyed having Bill as an employee. His expertise & reliability was such an asset to our company. He will be remembered for his great karaoke skills.

Joe & Marlene Peterson - June 24, 2021 at 12:00 AM

SB

“ So sorry to learn of Bill's passing. Always enjoyed talking with Bill and getting caught up. A good guy gone too soon.

Steve Bacon - June 24, 2021 at 12:00 AM