



William James Higlin

June 15, 1929 - August 13, 2014

William (Bill) James Higlin passed away Wednesday, August 13 , 2014 as a result of Alzheimers Disease. A memorial service will be announced at a later date. Bill was born June 15, 1929 in Dickenson North Dakota to Francis W. and Melissa (Watson) Higlin. Bill, his younger brother Steven, and his parents moved to Glendive, Montana where they resided happily until his mothers untimely death in 1938. His father re-married and Bills family grew to include two stepsisters, one stepbrother and eventually a half-brother after the family moved to Seattle. Bill graduated from Lincoln High School in Seattle and went on to Seattle University where he played basketball and graduated in 1952. Following college, Bill served in the Marine Corp for 9 years and was honorably discharged as a 1 Lieutenant in 1962. During that time Bill met his future wife, Natalie Ward. They were married July 11, 1953 and remained married and committed to each other until Bills death. Bill began working for the JCPenney Company in 1955. During his 35 years with the company he was Assistant Manger in several stores in the Seattle/Tacoma areas and then managed stores in Richmond California, Bend, Oregon and Mt. Vernon Washington. Bill and Natalie retired and moved back to Bend (Gods Country as Bill would say) in 1990 where Bill enjoyed skiing, gardening (landscaping), and visiting with his neighbors. Bill is survived by his wife of 61 years Natalie, his children Stephanie (Rick), Terri (Gary), Will (Patty) Geoff (Erica), his grandchildren Kelly (Wade), Joe, Shannon (Brad), Tina (Scott), Alicia, Megan, Nic, Courtney, Max, and his great-grandchildren Nicole, Mallory, Tate, Morgan,

Will and Max; also his brother Terry, stepsister Sharon, and stepbrother Jack. Bill was preceded in death, but is now re-united with his parents and his brother Steven. Contributions may be made in Bills name to Alzheimers Association, St. Francis Church (Bend, OR), or Hospice.

Funeral Home:

Niswonger-Reynolds Funeral Home New

105 NW Irving Ave

Bend, OR

US 97701

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Niswonger Reynolds Funeral Home & Greenwood Cemetery - May 18, 2023 at 02:21 PM

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Funeral Home Owner - August 07, 2019 at 12:00 AM

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“ *I am also a graduate of Seattle University(1950) and I met Bill during his basketball days at SU. I enjoyed sharing with Bill many after school social activities. My last contact was years ago through the computer. I currently live in San Clemente, Ca. My sympathy to the family. .*

Guy Varriano - April 03, 2017 at 12:00 AM

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“ *Im sorry to read of Mr. Higlins passing away. Ive got great memories growing up in the neighborhood, thinking back on the way hed joke around with me. He taught me how to properly do a low-five in a cool way, Give me some skin That dry delivery of his still makes me chuckle, and has left a good lasting imprint on my own sense of humor. May you all find peace and comfort. Our entire family expresses sympathy for yours at this time.*

Steve Talbott - April 03, 2017 at 12:00 AM

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“ *Sorry to learn of your loss. We remember Bill for his beautiful yard and our daily conversations as we picked up our mail. We lived on Palmwood at the top of the circle.*

Ronald and Barbara Swanson - April 03, 2017 at 12:00 AM