



William Ellsworth Hans, Jr.

December 21, 1949 - November 12, 2016

William E. Hans, Jr. passed away from natural causes in his home in Vancouver, WA on November 12, 2016. He was 66. Bill was born on December 21st, 1949 in Yakima, WA. He was the first child of William E. Hans, Sr. and Arlene Ann Anderson Hans. Bill graduated from Grandview High School in 1968 where he was the Senior Class President, VP of the Honor Society, VP of the Letterman's Club, and VP of his Future Farmers of America chapter. He went on to attend Washington State University and was a very proud Cougar for the remainder of his life. On March 29, 1973, Bill married the love of his life Carol Ruth (Fischer) Hans in Reno, Nevada. During his life, he owned several businesses, most notably Sahara Construction Company which he started in 1976, where he was a commercial building general contractor. He also owned a chain of coffee shops in California. Bill was also the head coach of many of his son's youth sports teams including soccer, baseball, and football. He was also very involved in youth wrestling for over 20 years. People tended to gravitate toward Bill and his very jovial personality. He was very quick to make friends in the various cities where he was doing work projects or sitting with customers in his coffee shops. He was a very kind and generous man who touched so many lives of those who knew him including members of his immediate and extended family, friends, youth sports teams, business, and church. He is truly missed by many. He is survived by his two sons, David and his wife Aleigha, and, Chad and his wife Lacie; five grandchildren, Mekhia, Kwynsie, Avery, Johnnie, and Camden; three siblings,

Robert Hans, Debra Bennett, and Donna Anderson; and other extended family members. A memorial is set for Wednesday, December 7th, at Evergreen Memorial Gardens, 1101 NE 112th Ave, Vancouver, WA 98684 at 3 p.m.

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