



William Leroy Lucas, Jr.

April 1, 1941 - July 1, 2020

William Leroy (Bill) Lucas Jr. passed away on July 1, 2020 in Vancouver, WA. Bill was born on April 1, 1941, to William Leroy Lucas Sr and Myrtle Plyler Lucas in Lancaster, South Carolina. Bill married Betty Snipes Lucas in 1960 and they had two children, Bryan and Regina. Bill and Betty were married for 38 years prior to divorcing.

In 1979 Bill moved with his family to Longview, Washington, where he accepted a job as a paper maker at the then brand new NORPAC paper mill. Bill was a very dedicated and hard worker, and he ended his career as a paper machine team leader at NORPAC.

Bill really enjoyed the outdoors, including gardening, fishing and golfing. He made several trips to Alaska for fishing, and after retirement (April 2006) he moved to the country and spent many happy years pursuing his gardening and other interests.

Bill is survived by his son, Bryan Lucas (Kelly) of Longview, WA; his daughter, Regina Wells (Dixie) of Vancouver, WA; grandchildren Derek Lucas (Valerie) of Yakima, WA; Michelle Lucas of Kelso, WA; Alex Lucas of Longview, WA; Caitlin Wells of Vancouver, WA; and Creighton Wells of Tacoma, WA; three great grandchildren, Justin, Juliana, and Jenna Lucas, all of Yakima, WA; and a brother, Michael Lucas, of Lancaster, SC.

Bill was preceded in death by his parents; his sister, Dorothy Sue Carnes; and his brother Patrick D. Lucas.

Bill's ashes are to be scattered where he enjoyed being the most, outdoors and fishing.

Tribute Wall



“ 0 file added to the tribute wall

Evergreen Memorial Gardens - July 03, 2025 at 06:05 PM

RB

“ Bill was a mentor and leader for many of us. His troubleshooting skills were extraordinary. His ability to keep things in perspective in a respectful way was part of the glue that held teams together during challenging times. The best was watching him laugh so hard he got tears in his eyes. Rest in Peace, Bill. Praying for healing for your family.

Rob Buckingham - July 13, 2020 at 12:00 AM

DJ

“ Doris Johnson-Peck lit a candle in memory of William Leroy Lucas, Jr.



Doris Johnson-Peck - July 12, 2020 at 12:00 AM

VP

“ Sending our deepest condolences to the Lucas family, we are thinking of you and praying for healing and strength during this time. Sean and Vicky Pitt



Vicky Pitt - July 11, 2020 at 12:00 AM

RG

“ Condolences to the Lucas Family ❤️🙏



Rachel Garza - July 11, 2020 at 12:00 AM

PH

“ I worked with Bill many years, many great memories, special friend.

Pamela Hutchings - July 10, 2020 at 12:00 AM

TC

“ I worked with Bill for the better part of 30 years he taught many things in the mill and in life. We shared many rounds of golf together over the years. I'll miss you bill. Tracy S. Christopher

Tracy S. Christopher - July 10, 2020 at 12:00 AM

KS

“ Bill was a good man, and a good mentor too many at work. He had a mischievous sense of humor at times, and he was always helpful. I hope he now has his own a secret fishing spot.

Kirk Sherrell - July 10, 2020 at 12:00 AM

GK

“ Gina Knight lit a candle in memory of William Leroy Lucas, Jr.



Gina Knight - July 07, 2020 at 12:00 AM

DK

“ *Dee King lit a candle in memory of William Leroy Lucas, Jr.*



Dee king - July 07, 2020 at 12:00 AM

PG

“ *Pat Gillis-Bunch lit a candle in memory of William Leroy Lucas, Jr.*



Pat Gillis-Bunch - July 06, 2020 at 12:00 AM

PG

“ *Bryan, Gina and all the family are in my thoughts and prayers. Bill was a sweet, kind man that I grew up with. RIP*

Pat Gillis-Bunch - July 06, 2020 at 12:00 AM

MR

“ *Morrison & Jeanette Robinson lit a candle in memory of William Leroy Lucas, Jr.*



Morrison & Jeanette Robinson - July 06, 2020 at 12:00 AM

MR

“ *I grew up down the street from Bill & his family. Bill was always a kind & sweet man. My husband & I thought the world of him. RIP Bill!!*

Morrison & Jeanette Robinson - July 06, 2020 at 12:00 AM

BL

“ *Bill loved his children and grandchildren and was very proud of them. He has a special place in the hearts of those who knew him. Betty*

Betty Lucas - July 03, 2020 at 12:00 AM

BL

“ *Betty Lucas lit a candle in memory of William Leroy Lucas, Jr.*



Betty Lucas - July 03, 2020 at 12:00 AM