



## William A Nikkila

October 4, 1947 - September 21, 2021

Bill Nikkila passed away Sept. 21, 2021 he was surrounded by all his loved ones. Bill was a local boy, born Oct. 4, 1947 and raised in Vancouver, WA. His parents were Alvin and Ruth Nikkila. He graduated from Hudson's Bay High School in 1965, and continued his college life at Central Washington University. When he was growing up he worked at Waddles, later Marine Iron works, Payless Drugs in Hazel Dell, and then he found his perfect job at Gilbert & Seibel in Hazel Dell. He became General manager and loved meeting customers, working with the staff and establishing close friends for life. He also built homes and apartments in the Vancouver area.

Bill is survived by his wife of 52 years, Diane Nikkila. They met in High School and got married in 1969, they had two wonderful sons, Jeff and Mark. Their sons and three grandchildren brought so much pleasure and joy to his life, and he was their biggest supporter. Bill loved spending time with Diane and the family, going to the beach and walking in the sand with their three dogs, trips, fishing, hunting etc. Bill was active in the Hazel Dell business association and helped with the Hazel Dell Parade. He was committed to his family to the end. People would describe Bill as loyal, big hearted, funny, had the biggest smile, laughter, he could light up the whole room. He was unforgettable, his family loved and adored him.

Bill is survived by his two sons, Jeff Nikkila and his partner Shellie Lyden, Mark Nikkila and his wife Katee Nikkila; and three grandchildren, Mya Nikkila, Cole Nikkila, and Alek Nikkila; his brother, Rick Nikkila and his wife Linda

Nikkila. Beloved uncle to nephews and nieces, Jamie Nikkila, Ryan Nikkila, Rikki Adams, Jessica Mcallister, Amy Gilbert/Strickland, Cody Gilbert. His brother-in-law, John Gilbert and his wife Deede.

A memorial service will be held for Bill at 12:30 a.m. Thursday, Sept. 30, 2021 at Evergreen Memorial Gardens. 1101 NE 112th Ave., Vancouver, WA.

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# Tribute Wall

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“ We had a lot of Great times in High School and right afterwards! Bill always had that Joyous smile that could light up a room! Bill will be missed! God Bless! Chuck Price

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**Chuck Price** - October 04, 2021 at 12:00 AM

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“ With fondest memories and deepest sympathy for our dear Friend. We will miss your humor, gentle humanity, and good company.

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**Jeannie and Bob Howard** - September 30, 2021 at 12:00 AM

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“ We are deeply sorry for your loss ~ Evergreen Memorial Gardens Cemetery, Funeral Chapel and Crematory

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**A Memorial Tree was planted for William A Nikkila** - September 27, 2021 at 12:00 AM