



William Thomas Ross

September 1, 1949 - September 8, 2015

WILLIAM "BILL" T. ROSS September 1, 1949 ~ September 8, 2015 "Bill was bigger than life ~ he led a life of adventure, enough for 10 people at the least. He will be missed by many friends and family. We all know he is now on another big adventure. God bless your precious soul." William "Bill" T. Ross, 66, of Port Hadlock, WA, passed away Sept. 8, 2015 in Bremerton, WA. He was born in Compton, CA to Ray and Dorothy Ross on Sept. 1, 1949. Raised in southern California, he joined the Naval Air and served in Vietnam on the U.S.S. Kitty Hawk. Bill developed a love for flying and took to the air as a bush pilot in Alaska. He flew National Geographic photographers and flew scenic flights out of Bellingham, which catered to people, including Robert Redford. Soon, he became a boat captain which took him to Alaska, the Panama Canal, Caribbean, and Greek Islands. In 1997, Bill took to flying again, this time to corporate jets. He finally settled in Port Hadlock with his wife Pam, moving her from Vancouver, WA, but then the Middle East called him for his expertise. While stationed in Saudi Arabia, Bill flew dignitaries all over the Middle East and Europe. In 2006, he became chief pilot for Frazier Health Care in Seattle, WA up until one month before his death. Bill loved RVing, cooking, deep sea fishing, and people. He was always a positive man. When asked before his death what was on his bucket list, he said he only had a teeny pail. Bill is survived by his wife, Pamela (Somers) Ross; brother, Stan Ross; sisters, Janet DeGenero, Kathy Ross, Heidi Haines, Gail Sanford, and Colleen Szilagyi; step-children, Corina Blue, Wesley Pierre, and Rebecca

Pierre; grandchildren, Wesley Blue and Ava Blue; beloved cousin, John Baumgardner; and in-laws, Dick and Sharon Scott and Roger and Carol Williams. Special thanks to all our friends and family for their prayers and support. Visitations will be held Tues. and Wed. Sept. 15th and Sept. 16th, 2015 12:00 pm to 9:00 pm. Funeral will be Sept. 17th, 10:00 am at Evergreen Memorial Gardens. Reception following internment at Willamette National Cemetery 1:30. Donations may be made to Wounded Warriors. Please sign his guest book at: www.columbian.com/oibts.

Tribute Wall



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Evergreen Memorial Gardens - July 03, 2025 at 03:35 PM

LB

“ Cousin Stan called my brother Todd, and Todd called me about Bill...and I'm sad for my Ross cousins' loss and for all the family. I had hoped to catch up with Bill at the cousin reunion picnic next month. We almost connected years ago in South Carolina on a flight layover. As kids, Bill and I used to get into such mischief at the Layman Ave. house! We wandered Streamland Park and rode bikes all over while at the Pickering St. house after delivering newspapers--The Whittier Daily News. His crackling squeaky laugh always delighted me! Loved to hear him laugh! On overnights we'd call the high school dance to interrupt with a bogus announcement from an even more bogus person, just to hear the announcer stop the music and make our announcement. He rolled over with laughter. I last saw Bill as a vigorous and vibrant 20-something. He lived with adventure and fun! That's the cousin Bill I remember.

Larry Baskin - September 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

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“ Bill had a heart of gold and was always a pleasure to be around. Even his voice exuded kindness. He was one of my favorite pilots with whom I've had the pleasure of working. He will be missed! My condolences, thoughts and prayers go out to his family.

Cindy Hales / HUB International - September 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

BP

“ *My deepest sympathies go out to you and your family. May God give you the comfort and peace that you seek and may the soul of your loved one, Bill, rest in peace.*

Bruce Peters - September 14, 2015 at 12:00 AM

CB

“ *I will always think of Bill as the fun loving, easy going, life of the party guy who just happened to be married to my long time friend. He'll be much missed, however, leaves us all with some great memories.*

Cheryl Baumgardner - September 14, 2015 at 12:00 AM