



William David Shafer

March 29, 1941 - October 2, 2014

WILLIAM "BILL" SHAFER March 29, 1941 ~ October 2, 2014 William "Bill" Shafer, 73, of Vancouver, Washington, passed away on October 2, 2014, with his family by his side. Bill was born in Effingham, Illinois to Virgil and Helen (Witt) Shafer on March 29, 1941. After graduating from Clay City High School in 1959, he attended the University of Illinois in Champaign-Urbana on a Navy ROTC scholarship. In June of 1963, he was commissioned as a Naval Officer, graduated from U of I with a BS in Mathematics, and married Emily (Amy) Thompson all in one weekend. He served on the USS Amberjack from 1963-1965. After graduating from Nuclear Submarine School in 1966, Bill served on a nuclear submarine, the USS John Adams. In 1968, he resigned from the Navy to spend more time with his family and began his career in the telecommunications industry at Illinois Bell and then Pacific Telecom. Bill was an avid Seahawks, UW Huskies, and Illini football fan and enjoyed spending weekends traveling to games with family and friends. Bill leaves behind his wife of 51 years, Amy Shafer; daughter, Sondra Smith of Seattle; son, Michael Shafer and wife Kim of Bellevue; daughter-in-law, Leah Shafer of Vancouver; 4 grandchildren, Madison, Zach, Carson, and Kayla; sister, Joanne Poorman of Vincennes, Indiana; brother, Jim Shafer of Bourbonnais, Illinois; and many loving nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents, Virgil and Helen Shafer; and his son, Tom Shafer. A memorial service will be held at Evergreen Memorial Gardens, 1101 NE 112th Ave., Vancouver, WA on Saturday, October 18, 2014 at 4:00p.m. In lieu of flowers, please donate to

American Diabetes Association at 1-800-DIABETES (800-342-2283). Please sign his Guest Book at www.columbian.com/obits.

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