



William A Griffin

June 4, 1937 - March 27, 2014

Griffin, William "Bill" (Age 76) of Cheney, WA passed away peacefully surrounded by family March 27, 2014. He was born on June 4, 1937 in Seattle, WA to Frank and Opal (Patterson) Griffin. He grew up in Ballard and was a graduate of Ballard High School. Bill was briefly in the Boy Scouts of America, College, and the Navy. Bill soon realized he was BTW...Born To Work. Some early career highlights include, but are not limited to; club promoter, car washing, taxi cab procurement, and ice cream cone sales. Bill enjoyed a lengthy foodservice sales career with companies such as Nesbitt and Lyons-Magnus and during this time he honed his skills of connecting with his customers personally and professionally. In 1979 Bill and family moved to Cheney, WA to purchase Zip's Drive In. Bill divided his time between menu development, community involvement, and hosing down the parking lot. After 15 years he sold the business to his son and daughter-in-law but remained on staff as an Operations Consultant. Bill's next restaurant endeavor was the purchase of the Spaghetti Station on Francis Ave. He loved re-inventing the menu on a daily basis. First Choice Marketing has been Bill's passion for the past 10 years. Bill is the social butterfly of sales. His love of people and need to help others has been his lifelong calling. Bill is survived by his wife Judy Chapman-Griffin, Judy Roberts-Griffin (ex-spouse), children Jana (Ken), DeAnna (Scott), Curt (Lisa), Jennifer (Lester), and Katy (Rocco). Grandchildren: Crosby, Kristina, Glacier, Kimberly, John, Brandon, A.J., Isabelle, Taylor and great granddaughter Addison. Bill's great joy was

spending time with his grandchildren. He made a special point of creating lasting memories for each of them. Bill's other great joy was the time he spent with Judy, his wife of 18 years. Bill loved long road trips with Judy riding shotgun, discovering great restaurants in out-of-the-way places and dropping in on friends. He will be greatly missed by so many. An open casket viewing will be held on Thursday, April 3rd from 6:30 to 7:00 pm at St. Rose of Lima Church, Cheney, WA. Rosary to follow at 7:00 pm. A Funeral Mass will be held Friday, April 4th, 10:00 am at The Cathedral of Our Lady of Lourdes in downtown Spokane, WA. Reception to follow at the Spokane Club. Burial 1:00 pm at Spokane Memorial Gardens.

Tribute Wall

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“ *Bill was a great man! I enjoyed his sense of humor and easy going personality! I feel fortunate to have been around him for a short time!*

Karen Thompson-Wuesthoff - April 07, 2014 at 02:13 AM

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“ *Good memories of working for Bill when he owned the Cheney Zip's. He expected hard work, and usually got it. I had great respect for Bill. He was a good boss, a colorful personality and will be missed. Rest in peace, Bill.*

Lisa Graese - April 05, 2014 at 03:27 PM

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“ *Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family at this difficult time. We enjoyed Bill and his special way with people. He was truly a character! He will be missed by all of us.*

IntegriTee Screen Printing Inc - April 03, 2014 at 11:46 AM

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“ *My heart and prayers go out to Judy and the family. Though I will not be able to attend the services because of work commitments my thoughts are with you all. Bill was a friend who sometimes would drive me nuts, but my life was enriched by knowing him. God bless you all.*

mike larson - April 02, 2014 at 06:53 PM

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“ *Bill was a great guy and will be missed. I had a lot of great memories working for him. He even helped me pay my rent one time when i was down and out after my vehicle was stolen. When i think of Bill i find myself smiling sure to his colorful personality and his sense of humor. RIP Bill.*

Ben Horwath - April 01, 2014 at 07:45 PM