



William M Lester

July 9, 1932 - November 29, 2014

William "Bill" Lester (age 82) went home to be with the Lord on Saturday, November 29, 2014. Bill was born July 9, 1932 in Pleasantville, IA and settled in Spokane after falling in love with the area while visiting. Bill served on the USS Frank E Evans during the Korean War, ending his 27 years of service in the Navy Reserve. Bill was an avid kite flyer, master kite builder and judged kite competitions. He was one of the founders of Spokane's Kite Club: The Lilac City Wind Chasers. He also belonged to the American Kite Fliers, WKA and AOK. He was a member of the Plumbers and Steamfitters Union Local 44. He is survived by his wife of 57 years; Connie Sutcliffe Lester, Spokane, a son; Craig (Karen) Lester, Deer Park, and daughter; Chris Buob, Cheney. He is also survived by brother; Fred Lester, Newton, IA, brother-in-law; Terry (Marilyn) Sutcliffe, Harrington, WA, sister-in-law; Jaci Schlosser, Beaverton, OR, five grandchildren, five great-grandchildren and numerous nieces and nephews. He is preceded in death by his parents; Claude and Lillian Lester, brother; Claude Lester, sisters; Oral Minnick and Lillian Beck and son-in-law; Dan Buob. Donations can be made to: World Kite Museum, PO Box 964, Long Beach WA 98631, the Youth Ministry at Cheney Community Church, 1037 3rd St, Cheney WA 99004 or Hospice House of Spokane, PO Box 2215, Spokane WA 99210-2215. A Memorial Service will be held at 1:00 p.m. on Friday, December 5, at the Cheney Community Church. A desert reception will follow in the church social hall.

Tribute Wall

WC

“ *The Washington State Veterans Cemetery extends our deepest sympathies to the family of William M. Lester for your loss. We honor him for the service and sacrifice he has made for our nation, he is a true hero.*

Washington State Veterans Cemetery - December 07, 2014 at 07:22 PM

TS

“ *Connie, Craig, Chris, John & Josh, For as far back as I can remember, there has been the Lester family with so many fun times shared. It is amazing in this day and age to have friendships that span a lifetime. We have celebrated many milestones together as well as the happiest of times and the saddest of times. Bill your happy smile and big laugh will be missed but thankful you are no longer suffering and you are home with the Lord and loved ones.*
Tim & Shery

Tim & Shery Stevens - December 04, 2014 at 06:24 PM

SP

“ *Dad what can I say. I love you and I will miss you so very much. I am rejoicing that you are with the Lord and you can breath again. Instead of fishing for angels you can now fish with the angels.*

Sissy Pooh - December 04, 2014 at 09:31 AM

DM

“ *Bill was a genuine, one of a kind man that will be greatly missed. He brought a kindness to the world that will be very hard to beat and had the great talent of bringing out the sense of adventure in a person. We loved him dearly!*

Dan & Stacie Marrocco - December 04, 2014 at 12:04 AM

FJ

“ To all of Bill's family, I am sorry for your loss. I know this is a great loss to a loving family. I remember Bill always having a smile on his face. A happy and kind man and so talented in so many ways. May the Lord wrap you in his peace and comfort. Knowing that Bill lived a very full life and is now with our Father in heaven is a comfort in itself. And to all of Bill's friends and family, Peace be too you always.

Floyd Johnson - December 03, 2014 at 09:49 PM

MS

“ We are so sorry for your loss. You are in our thoughts and prayers.

Marc & Kathy Savidge - December 03, 2014 at 08:57 PM

KF

“ Sorry for the loss of your brother, husband, father, grandfather, uncle.....may the love of Jesus wrap his loving arms around all who loved Bill.....

Kimberly Fullenwider - December 03, 2014 at 07:38 PM

KH

“ Thanks Bill for everything from going on those rabbit hunts to having me up to Loon Lake. Much appreciated!! Rest in peace Bill.

Kevin C. Hill - December 03, 2014 at 11:51 AM

CL

“Dad, Thank you for everything you did for us and your county. We will miss your sense of humor your big smile and your helping hand. I remember flying your train kites out of the boat on Loon Lake, we called it trolling for angels, now we are trolling for you. Keep your back to the wind and your head up looking to the sky, may the Lord hold you in his arms and keep you safe. Rest in Peace, till we meet again I Love You, your Loving Son, Craiger

craig lester - December 03, 2014 at 10:26 AM