



# Bill B Moody III

MAY 26, 1963 - MAY 16, 2021



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**B**ill Burton Moody III's adventure unexpectedly ended on May 16, 2021, signing off on a life, in his words, that was "a pretty great ride." Born on May 26, 1963 to Bill Burton, Jr. and Louise Carol (LaRoque) in Tacoma, WA, he began life with wide smiles and an outlook of being able to achieve anything he set his mind to. Of course, the dimples that showed when he smiled helped along the way.

Bill started his long and commendable career as a medic at Shepherd Ambulance Co., all the while trying to pass the examinations to become a firefighter. It took two tries, and if you asked him he'll tell you it's because the guy that conducted the psychological examination was some not so nice names, but he was accepted onto the Tacoma Fire Department. Here, he had a chair with his name on it in the Battalion Chief's office, but would be awarded for his scoldings by the end of the week. Though he ended his 32 year career with scars to show, he always said he, "would not change it because the fire department gave a lot of time to be home with his daughters."

Growing up in Bill's household was never dull. From his silly songs booming throughout the halls to never knowing what treats would be in the kitchen ready to be devoured when they got home from school, Sarah and Jessica never knew what to expect next. But, they knew they were always trying different foods when their dad found his favorite website - Allrecipes - and that he would always coach them in their many different sports. That's if he wasn't cross stitching while watching the Seahawks game, of course. There was never a night missed where he didn't text his daughters "I love you," and never a small accomplishment that didn't go uncelebrated. Bill was one for over-the-top gestures, so having two daughters to embarrass by putting on the spot gave him all the joy he ever needed.

Bill will join his pre-deceased mother and grandmother on Mount St. Helens, awaiting their trip around the world. His two daughters Sarah Tomney and Jessica Cottriel, father, and brother Patrick will all be sharing the stories of when Bill would say, "hey, watch this!" The family asks that you visit the website set up for his memorial and is seeking donations for funeral costs and The Code Green Campaign, a first responder oriented mental health advocacy and education



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organization. But, seriously, Bill would have loved for you to grab a cup of coffee and laugh about his antics. So, please, join his family for a memorial service at 1pm on Saturday, June 19, at the Aspen Chapel at Mountain View Funeral Home, 4100 Steilacoom Blvd SW, Lakewood, WA 98499.



# Events


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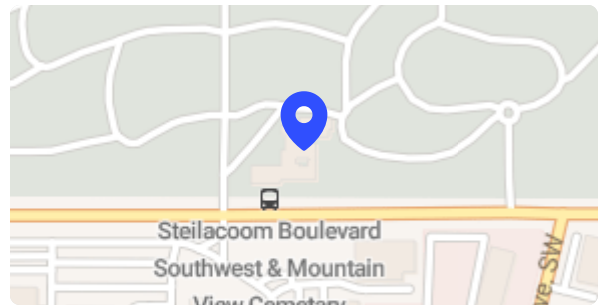
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## Memorial Service

 **Saturday**, June 19, 2021

 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM PT

 **Aspen Chapel - Mountain View Funeral Home and Memorial Park**  
4100 Steilacoom Blvd SW, Lakewood WA 98499

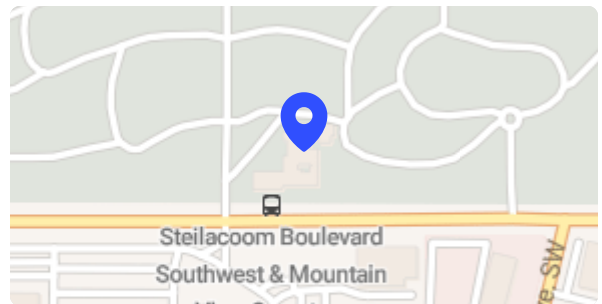


## Reception following the service

 **Saturday**, June 19, 2021

 2:00 PM - 4:30 PM PT

 **Mountain View Willow Room**  
4100 Steilacoom Blvd SW, Lakewood WA





# Tribute Wall

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**Michelle Moody-Smith** shared a photo to the **Tribute Wall** album.



This is another shock I cannot wrap my head around. My cousin Billy was one of the nicest, most favorite cousins I've ever known and had. When my brother and I were tiny, our families always were together. Many birthdays, celebrations, and lots of love in the Moody household. Billy always made me feel so loved, and as little people, our older cousins were larger than life. His great big smile, so infectious. Recently losing my own husband, the loss is deep for family and friends in the here and now. Big love is how I'll always keep tucked inside my heart. One day we'll all share those big smiles, laughter and innocence again.

July 14 at 2:30 AM

**MS Michelle Moody-Smith** July 14 at 7:52 AM  
We all were such cutie pies! 😊



**Russel Charles Steigerwalt Jr.** shared a photo to the **Memories Album** album.



June 15 at 10:58 AM



**Bruce Vignal** posted:

I met Bill the first week or two of Jr. High at Gray. We instantly became close... as many of you out there.... he was my brother. I became close wit his family, him with mine. I, myself, and my family are all is total disbelief. Bill was a blast! He helped me gain confidence in myself. We did a lot together almost daily back then. His whole family took me in as a family member. He always seemed happy, healthy, outgoing and would do anything for anyone. I only saw him about a 1/2 dozen times after high school at the most unexpected times and places. Bill, you will always be my brother! To me and my family you were a bother and a son! You, Russ and I were the 3 Musketeers... but yo were and always will be my brother. Many memories! Bruce

June 1 at 9:37 AM



**Russel Charles Steigerwalt Jr.** shared an album called **Memories Album**.



May 31 at 4:33 PM



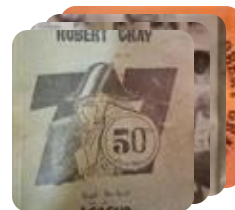
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May 25 at 7:39 AM



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May 28 at 4:18 PM



**Delania** posted:

I was too young to really know you, but you knew me. I knew you were a great person and a family friend. May you Rest in peace.

May 26 at 1:02 PM



**Russel Charles Steigerwalt Jr.** May 27 at 6:40 PM

Love you Baby Girl.....



**Kim Lawson** posted:

I met Bill in 2002 when I started my position with Rural metro and moved to the Tacoma area. He became one of my best friends. He was such a big help always had encouraging words. He had a heart of gold.. I know he will truly be missed they broke the mold when they made him. We stayed friends no matter where I moved he always stayed in touch. I know how highly he spoke about both his daughter and how he cherish them dearly they were his pride and joy.

May 25 at 3:02 PM



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May 25 at 1:51 PM



**Russel Charles Steigerwalt Jr.** May 27 at 6:33 PM

We were so young and ready to take on the world.....Bill...I love you man....



**Toni Johnson** posted:

He was my brothers bff and family friend and another brother from another mother for years. He will be so missed

May 25 at 9:47 AM



**Russel Charles Steigerwalt Jr.** May 27 at 6:39 PM

Love you.....



**Toni Johnson** May 25 at 9:48 AM

From another mother I meant



**Karen And Douglas Dean** posted:

Bill was our everything..he was at our house for any occasion and event. You could count on any of the 3 MUSKETEERS to be there for you anytime anywhere. His love smile and dedication were infectious. To know Bill was to love Bill. R.I.P. OUR MUSKETEER...KAREN AND DOUG DEAN....

May 25 at 9:29 AM



**Russel Charles Steigerwalt Jr.** May 27 at 6:38 PM

Love you Sis, Bro.....



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**Coletta Vignal** posted:

Bill was best friends with our own son, Bruce Vignal, so we've known and loved Bill since he and Bruce were in Middle School.....or, perhaps, even Elementary School. Infact, we "adopted" Bill and felt he was a true Vignal son and not just a friend to our son. We've always thought of him as "our other son"; although, we are not related by blood. Where you'd see Bill, you'd see Bruce or vice-versa and the boys were at one another's homes constantly enjoying and living their brotherhood. Many overnight stays were spent together at one's home or the other's. We loved our Bill with a passion that only a parent could have/feel and we truly looked upon him always as our son.....almost flesh and blood. He was also a "big brother" to our younger daughters and a "little brother" to our oldest daughter. Noone had a bigger heart nor a more loving, considerate heart than Bill, either. My husband and I were always "Mom and Dad" to him and he has always kept track of us through the years and, occasionally, corresponded with us via "E"-mail. Our hearts are SO broken by his death and we'll never get over this loss. We couldn't get enough of him. He and our son Bruce were also best friends with another of their classmates Russ Steigerwalt and, together, they called themselves "The Three Muskateers". They even loved being in singing programs together and were constantly together or on the phone when they couldn't get together. Bill's passing has left a huge hole in our parental and family hearts and, certainly, in the world's!!!! Love you, son, and we'll look forward to being reunited with you in the future. Hugs, love, and God bless.

May 25 at 8:44 AM



**Russel Charles Steigerwalt Jr.** May 27 at 6:36 PM

Love you Mom, Dad....



**Kyle Jolibois** posted:

Bill lived on Montgomery, he moved into the neighborhood after we were already running the streets. We had great moments and not so great at times, kids on the same block in the 70's. I do not recall seeing him as adults, often wondered about Bill now I know where you are. RIP my old friend

May 25 at 8:43 AM



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May 25 at 7:39 AM



**Russel Charles Steigerwalt Jr.** May 31 at 9:09 PM

I spent 18 yrs as a Army Brat, 10 yrs in the USAF and 2 of those in the Honor Guard....If I could you would receive a 21 Gun Salute !!! For your service !!!



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Bruce and Bill ( 80, 81 ) MT parking lot ?



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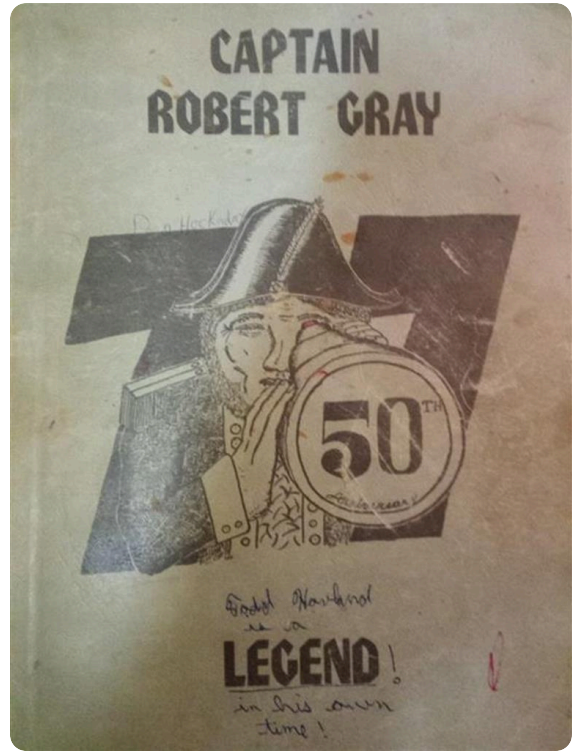
'Seattle Rain' For you Bill.....I saw you dance in the rain.....



Russel Charles Steigerwalt Jr. shared 4 photos to the Memories Album album. May 31 at 4:00 PM



Bill....What a Guy.....'77' .



8th grade.....



9th grade



Bill....' 78' A Musketeer.....



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May 28 at 4:18 PM



Me, and Bill as Bruces Groomsmen.....



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**3 MUSKETEERS**



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# Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Bill by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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