



William Guy Dorman

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Bill Dorman, born May 2, 1944 in Tacoma, passed away peacefully at home in University Place on September 28 at age 63. He grew up in Tacoma, attending Downing and Mason and graduating from Wilson High. He served in the National Guard from 1967-1972. Bill married Gayle Brewsaugh in 1969, recently celebrating their 38th wedding anniversary. Bill and Gayle have lived in Tacoma, Gig Harbor, and at Mason Lake, where Bill enjoyed water skiing, jet skiing, snorkeling, swimming, and especially racing his boat around the lake. Other favorite memories of the lake are, fireworks on the 4th, community dances, beach campfires, barbecues, and countless s'mores. He liked caring for the house and yard so much he often migrated right into neighbors' yards. Bill and Gayle treasured their lake friends and neighbors. He also enjoyed our visits to Safeco Field to watch a Mariners game. After battling lung cancer in 2006, he and Gayle made the difficult decision to move to University Place in January 2007. Shortly after the move Bill had a heart attack and bypass surgery, and in late July was diagnosed with highly aggressive lung cancer, which he faced head on, bravely, trying to beat it right until the end. Bill worked at the Tacoma Police Department Garage for 30 years, retiring in 1997. In retirement, he pursued competitive pistol shooting and began a monthly speed steel match, his favorite kind of shooting. He enjoyed the competition, but relished most the people, the camaraderie and the fun. The last ten years he worked part-time for Pierce County Public Works, where his coworkers nicknamed him "Big Dog." In Bill's mind, his job description was to make people smile and to remind them to chill out! Those coworkers will never know how greatly they enriched the lives of both Bill and Gayle through these difficult days. Bill leaves his wife Gayle, daughter Susan Mooney (Al), brother Val Dorman (Debbie), sisters-in-law Jan O'Brien, Christy Brewsaugh, Barb Denny; nephews Tom O'Brien (Barb), Sean O'Brien, Adam Denny, Chad Denny, Kenny Dorman, Michael Dorman; nieces Shannon O'Brien, Leslie Stanley (Jason),



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Kelly Thomas (Keith); five great-nephews; a new great-niece; and many cousins and aunts. He was predeceased by his parents Harry and Mildred Dorman, brothers Whitey Dorman and Dennis Dorman, three uncles, our dog Cookie, and cats Limmo and Chelsea. We thank our Hospice team, especially Tina, Kristin, Vickie, Tom, and Val, who exceeded all our expectations. We are very grateful for our wonderful, compassionate Dr. Janice Olson and her staff, who were with us every step through our recent trials, caring for Bill with gentle kindness and tenderness. Remembrances in Bill's memory may be made to MultiCare Hospice (Tacoma); Pawticulars Sanctuary, PO Box 585, Indianola WA 98342; or a cancer organization or charity of your choice. Viewing October 4, 10:00am to 9:00pm; service October 6, 2007 1:00pm Mountain View, Tacoma. Please sign online guest bok at www.mountainviewtacoma.com.



Tribute Wall

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Anonymous posted:

My best wishes and all my love for you Gayle. You and Bill mean the world to me and always will..So many memories from the lake that always bring a smile to me no matter how bad things might be at the time.Than you for al the memories and always being there.You both are always in my heart with love##imported-begin##Derek Lewis##imported-end##

March 24 at 6:00 PM



Anonymous posted:

WOW, Gayle! Such beautiful messages from everyone who has signed the book! I was especially impressed with the one you and I talked about over the phone! You obviously remember that person as a different communicator!, too, feel as if I should write about Bill here...what more can I say except it still seems impossible that he's gone. I think of him every day (and you, too) and wish there had been just a bit more time to spend with him. Many times I could have come to visit, and didn't...I would take those days back if I could, and would have been there!! I know we'll all be together again someday on the Other Side; along with both sets of parents, all the pets,and others, Bill will be among the first to greet us! LOVE YOU, Big Sis! Barb##imported-begin##Barb Denny##imported-end##

October 11 at 6:00 PM



Anonymous posted:

Thursday, October 11, 2007 University Place, WA
Dear Gayle: It was with deep regret that I learned of the death of your husband Bill. Understandably at a time like this the normal business of living becomes seriously disrupted, and the accompanying problems, adjustments and changes which we must face are very trying and difficult. It may be of some comfort to you that I share in your sorrow. Although I did not see much of Bill after the Guard, I vividly recall our days with the Guard and the many fun times we had together during those years. Bill made our world a better place to live and work as he was a good man and was respected by all who knew him. My thoughts and sympathies are with you in your bereavement. If there is any way that I can be of assistance, please let me know. With Deepest Sympathy, Louie Orlando University Place##imported-begin##Louie Orlando##imported-end##

October 10 at 6:00 PM



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Anonymous posted:

Bill - Your smile is one I'll never forget! Your positive attitude and relaxing manner were contagious. Thanks for the great memories of time on the lake, and the many laughs and jokes shared with our family. Molly##imported-begin##Molly Dennin##imported-end##

October 9 at 6:00 PM



Anonymous posted:

I was so shocked to read of Bill's passing. He will be missed by so many friends and loved ones. I started working for the City at the Motor Pool in the Police Garage. Bill & I were the "youngsters"! We had so much fun and there were so many pranks pulled by Bill & other mechanics. I became friends with Bill & later with Gayle. We grew apart after I promoted to the Admin. Div. I last saw him at my retirement 3 yrs. ago. He looked great & was very happy & relaxed. Bill enjoyed life to the fullest & deeply loved Gayle & the many memories they made together. I won't be able to attend the funeral as my husband, Pete, & I are leaving for Reno Sat. morning. I'll always remember my friend & co-worker & the good times we had. I'll have his favorite Black Velvet & toast him on Sat. Our loss is great. My deepest sympathy to Gayle & family. Love, Barb##imported-begin##Barbara Miller##imported-end##

October 4 at 6:00 PM



Anonymous posted:

To the family of William Dorman, Our deepest and sincere sympathy in the loss of your loved one. Keeping you in our hearts and prayers. John & Ann Thomas##imported-begin##John & Ann Thomas##imported-end##

October 4 at 6:00 PM



Anonymous posted:

I will miss you, you had a good life but it was just too short. Thanks for the time we had you were a good friend.##imported-begin##Alex Nelson##imported-end##

October 4 at 6:00 PM



Anonymous posted:

So much will be missed....##imported-begin##Adam Denny##imported-end##

October 4 at 6:00 PM



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Anonymous posted:

Dear Gayle, I am a friend and co-worker of your daughter, Sue. I am so sorry for your loss. Sue speaks fondly of you and Bill, and of the time you all spent together. She also told me of your love for cats. I'm a cat lover, too. Perhaps we will meet one day. Take care and God bless.##imported-begin##Janet Williams##imported-end##

October 3 at 6:00 PM



Anonymous posted:

Gayle,Our hearts go out to you, all the city workers who worked with Bill will miss him dearly. Bill was a great guy who enjoyed life. I have many memories of him after working with him at the Police Garage.John Gehringer##imported-begin##John Gehringer##imported-end##

October 3 at 6:00 PM



Anonymous posted:

Dear Gayle, We wish we could have been there but under the circumstances we are stuck here. Bill was a very good friend and we think of him often. Hang in there and we will see you soon.Mike & Clary##imported-begin##Mike & Clary Lewis##imported-end##

October 3 at 6:00 PM



Anonymous posted:

You dont know me,but I worked at the Police garage for about 4 years with Jack Miller, Fuzz Graham, Morgan, John and Gary Clark from about 77-81. We scrubbed the floor every sunday night. I still have a CB radio he sold me for 150 bucks. His brother drove a bus I think. Will any of these people be at the funeral ? Sorry for your loss. I miss those days perhaps well meet at the service.##imported-begin##Kevin Cady##imported-end##

October 2 at 6:00 PM



Anonymous posted:

Dear Gayle and Family, We are so sorry for your loss. Our thoughts and prayers are with you during this time.Love, Dan, Kathy, Guy, Josie and Audrey##imported-begin##The Beaudoins##imported-end##

October 2 at 6:00 PM



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Anonymous posted:

Dear Gayle, I am so sorry to hear about your loss. My heart and prayers are with you at this time. You & Bill were the best couple I can remember. I know we have not seen each other in a long time, but I still remember all the good times. Take care! Love Sheila Chaput & family##imported-begin##Sheila Chaput##imported-end##

October 2 at 6:00 PM



Anonymous posted:

Dear Gayle, Remembering Bill puts smiles on our faces. He was such a happy soul. Our thoughts and prayers are with you at this difficult time. Love, Rich and Viv Lothian##imported-begin##Rich and Viv Lothian##imported-end##

October 1 at 6:00 PM



Memories only last if you share them

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



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