



Bill Stephen McKinney

March 18, 1947 - April 25, 2024

Obituary for William "Bill" Stephen McKinney

William "Bill" Stephen McKinney resident of Corvallis, passed away at home on April 25, 2024, at the age of seventy-seven, after a lengthy and difficult battle with Lewy Body Dementia and Parkinson's Disease.

Bill is survived by his wife Sharon McKinney (Widowsky), his children Steve McKinney and Kristin Fitzsimon, his brother Jim McKinney, sister-in-law Julie Widowsky, cousins Bob and Ted Loewen, his grandchildren Maya, Beck and Sawyer McKinney and Tucker, Colton, and Adeline Fitzsimon. He is preceded in death by his father Jack McKinney, mother Erma McKinney (Husk), Grandmothers Saddis Husk and Arminta McKinney and grandfathers Frank Husk and Emory McKinney.

Bill married current wife Sharon Widowsky on March 16, 1991, in Lake Tahoe. His prior marriage to Sharon Davey was on January 11, 1969. Bill was a proud Navy Veteran who served from 1969-1972 and was honorably discharged in 1972 as a Yeoman Second Class. He was also awarded the Vietnam Service Medal Meritorious Unit Commendation.

Bill graduated from San Diego State University in 1974 with a BS in Management. He worked Human Resource Administrative management jobs

when he retired from the Oregon State Federal Credit Union in 2013.

Bill's passion was for road cycling where he completed many sponsored rides, as well as personal ones. In 2013, Bill rode his bike with a friend from Corvallis, Oregon, to the Golden Gate Bridge in San Francisco, California. Other hobbies included woodworking, photography, hiking, reading, and skiing, and anyone that knew Bill knew his love for chocolate, especially See's Candy and fine Pinot Noir wine. Bill was in a rock "garage" band called the Huntsmen in the 1960's. He was one of their guitarists. The group even released two songs, "Send Me Some Lovin" and "Fever."

Bill was a devoted husband, father, brother, uncle, cousin, and friend to many. He was a spiritual, sensitive, caring, soft-spoken, funny, compassionate, loving, and wonderful human being who will be missed deeply by his family, friends and all who knew him.

A graveside service is scheduled for Wednesday, May 8th at 12:30 p.m. at the Veterans section of the Oaklawn Cemetery in Corvallis. In lieu of flowers, please donate to the Lewy Body Dementia Association, under Bill's name at <https://www.lbda.org/honor-memorial-gifts/>. Thank you so much.

Please share your thoughts and memories for the family at www.McHenryFuneralHome.com.

Previous Events

Graveside Service

MAY 8. 12:30 PM (PT)

Oak Lawn Cemetery
2245 SW Whiteside Drive
Corvallis, OR 97333
(541) 753-4532

Tribute Wall

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“ Bill invested in me over 17 years ago inviting me to join his team at Oregon State Credit Union. I recall fondly the passion he shared for our culture and for delivering excellence with a focus on our members. Wishing peace now for Bill, Sharon and all of their family.

Laurie Roe

Laurie Roe - May 08, 2024 at 11:42 AM

JW

“ I got the pleasure to work with Bill McKinney over the years and I'm very grateful for that. Bill is a very special person and will be missed by many!

Josh Whisenhunt

Josh Whisenhunt - May 07, 2024 at 06:18 PM

PW

“ Bill helped hire me at the credit union 22 years ago. He was kind, personable, and made people feel comfortable and seen. I have many warm memories of serving on various committees with him. I have seen him on and off over the years, and will miss him. Love to Sharon and the family.

Peter

Peter Walker - May 01, 2024 at 04:32 PM

BS

I was fortunate to be the friend who rode with Bill from Corvallis to San Francisco. We may have ridden as much as 25000 miles on our bikes across Oregon & CA. over our 35 year friendship. Julie & I are grateful that Bill's pain has ended And we know he's in heaven. Sharon your walk with Bill these past 4 years has inspired & humbled us. We love you. Brian & Julie Shea

brian shea - May 04, 2024 at 09:02 PM