

## William O. Putzke

April 28, 1939 - December 9, 2021

William O. Putzke passed away on Thursday, December 9, 2021 at the age of 82. Born in Placerville on April 28, 1939, Bill spent most of his life in central California. As part of his 35 year career in the US Forest Service, he worked on the Six Rivers, the Tahoe, the Eldorado and the Inyo National Forests in California. He fought many wildfires each summer of his career. After retirement, due to his knowledge and experience, continued to provide support to fire fighter base camps providing organization and supplies with Able Fire Equipment. He also volunteered his time with Search and Rescue operations. He loved working with his hands and could fix anything. When not working, Bill was an avid skier and enjoyed spending time with family and friends. A friendly man and a good storyteller, he was known to strike up a conversation with any stranger. He was very active in the Seventh Day Adventist church and loved singing in many choirs over the years. He loved life and was an eternal optimist. In 2017 he moved to Corvallis, Oregon to be near his youngest daughter, who helped him with shopping, appointments, and other tasks. He made many new friends and enjoyed many outings at Stoneybrook Assisted Living. He will be laid to rest at Oak Lawn Cemetery in Corvallis, Oregon. He is survived by his sister, Barbara Dyer and his two daughters, Christine Jones and Melissa Putzke

# Cemetery Details

## Oak Lawn Cemetery

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

# Previous Events

## Viewing

DEC 17. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (PT)

McHenry Funeral Home  
206 NW 5th St.  
Corvallis, OR 97330  
(541) 757-8141

## Memorial Service

DEC 17. 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM (PT)

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# Tribute Wall



“ McHenry Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of William O. Putzke



McHenry Funeral Home - December 17, 2021 at 04:23 PM

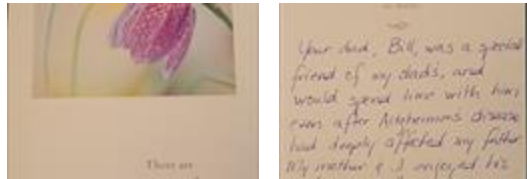
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*This is absolutely so beautiful! The songs are perfectly chosen! "... Precious Memories, how they linger!" My cousins did a fabulous, loving tribute to their father! He lived well because he loved well!* ❤️👍🥹

sue - December 17, 2021 at 08:23 PM



“ I thought I would share a card we received.



Melissa Putzke - January 03, 2022 at 08:37 PM



“ *My husband Robert and I enjoyed our talks with Bill at church potluck we enjoyed his stories very much. We had wonderful talks about the days services and different verses we like. We have blessed to have known him! We have a tradition of going to the Oregon coast for Christmas this time we are bringing our memories and the picture of Bill we got for Christmas a few years ago as a sort of celebration of the time we got share with him. Our prayers for peace and healing go to all of the Putzke family*



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**April Lee** - December 21, 2021 at 12:16 PM

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“ *I enjoyed sitting at the same potluck table with Bill many times. When Judy couldn't take him home from church, I did several times and enjoyed his stories. Donna Baldwin*

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**Donna G Baldwin** - December 20, 2021 at 07:59 PM

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“ Meeting my uncle for the first as a kid, he was a towering, gentle, and kind hearted man. As I grew to an adult he was still the same man. We would talk about anything and everything. He would tell how his childhood was in those days with his sister and parents. Stories of his grandparents gave you a clear picture of how they were. He would tell you in a way to make you there. He always lit up more as he spoke of his wife and daughters. Oh how proud he was. His passions in life and work are interesting and inspiring. Joyce and I will always love and cherish the times spent together. I miss your laugh. He will be missed by all! I love you Uncle Bill. Erik and Joyce Dyer

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**Erik Dyer nephew** - December 16, 2021 at 07:38 PM

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“ My sweet uncle...what can I say about him that would capture his wonderful sense of humor with a bright twinkle in his eyes? His sometimes mischievous laughter that sends you into a fit of giggles. His warm, gentle but powerful bear hugs that left you knowing how very special and loved you are to him. How you can sit with him for hours on end talking about anything & everything because he seemed to know how everything was made, its purpose so much so, you didn't want the conversation to end. His smile, his demeanor & manners drew you into his space and for awhile, time stood still. He was a thoroughbred in the human race. As much as he loved nature and all of its blessings, he loved his fellow man and after you met him, you never forgot him. He had a special way of leaving his mark upon the walls of your heart. My uncle had so many precious gifts from our LORD. He used them like a champ!! To say he finished well is an understatement. I can only imagine (as the song goes), what its like to see my uncle Bill in Heaven with those from our family gone before. What a sight that must be! He's in Hallelujah Square in his glorified body and for that, I thank and praise our Risen LORD!!!



Thank you Uncle Bill for the warm sweet memories that linger like yesterday! And thank you for never getting mad at me for constantly biting your knee caps in my youth! (True story. No rhyme or reason, just overwhelmed every time I got to see him...) he took it in good stride.

Until the midnight cry,  
Ich liebe dich immer!  
Susanna Dyer Ashford xoxoxo

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sue - December 15, 2021 at 08:19 AM

MP

“ *A lovely Sabbath afternoon picnic, Bill with his daughters (Christine, oldest and Melissa, youngest) probably around 1973..*



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**Melissa Putzke** - December 14, 2021 at 09:54 PM