



## Billy D Mooney

November 3, 1935 - November 2, 2020

Billy D. Mooney passed away on Monday, November 2, 2020, at the age of 84. Bill was born on November 3, 1935, in Ash Flat, AR, to Cleo and Pauline Mooney. He grew up with younger brothers: Dale and Art. Bill graduated from Ash Flat High School in 1954, where he excelled in basketball. He married his high school sweetheart, Joyce Horton, while they were both still in high school, on May 23, 1953.

Following graduation in 1954 from Ash Flat High School, Bill and Joyce moved to Wenatchee, WA, having their first of five children on August 5, William Daniel "Dan". In 1955, he started his 34 year career with ALCOA, working in the Pot Rooms, also serving as President for the Local Union 310, and retiring, in 1994, after a number of years as a supervisor. While raising their five children, Bill was a busy man, involving much of his time with youth sports. He coached Little League baseball from 1964-75, Babe Ruth baseball from 1968-78, and Little League basketball from 1970-75.

Bill was an amazing father, grandfather, and brother. He was married to Joyce for 46 years, before her passing in 1999. During those 46 years, family was everything. Dad loved baseball practice, birthdays, fast pitch softball at Triangle Field, holidays, Jack & Jill softball teams, potlucks, ball games, but most of all, he loved Joyce. They had a wonderful life together. Mom and Dad were always there for their family, being supportive, patient, and loving parents.

After Joyce passed, Dad followed his passion for softball. Spending winters in

Arizona, Bill played, played, and played some more. His softball buddy, Carroll Shook, was always right there with him. He enjoyed his Arizona winters and all the friendly people.

Bill was elected to the "Wenatchee Senior Softball Hall of Fame" in 2007, but he still had more softball to play. Coaching and playing until 2015, when he turned 80. During his time playing softball, Dan, Randy, Paula, Greg, and Jeff all got the chance to play with their greatest teammate and coach of all time.

We are grateful to Ella's Adult Family Home and the Hospice team from Confluence Health for their personal, professional and compassionate care for Dad this year. Also, to the wonderful people of Grace Lutheran Church, where dad was baptized on December 10, 2017.

Bill is survived by his five children: son, Dan Mooney of Wenatchee, WA, son, Randy Mooney of Wenatchee, WA, daughter, Paula (Randy) Arnold of East Wenatchee, WA, son, Greg (Carol) Mooney of East Wenatchee, WA, and Jeff (Brenda) Mooney of East Wenatchee, WA; brother, Dale (Gayle) Mooney of Spokane, WA; brother, Art (Nancy) Mooney of Wenatchee, WA; grandchildren: Michael Mooney, Shawna (Mike) Stancil, Chris Arnold, Kim Arnold, Kevin (Michelle) Arnold, Katie Mooney, and Kristin (Lucas) Stoll; 12 great-grandchildren, and many softball and ALCOA friends. He was preceded in death by his parents, Cleo and Pauline Mooney; and wife, Joyce Mooney. A Graveside Service for the family will be held at 1:30 p.m. on Thursday, November 19, 2020, at Evergreen Memorial Park. The family plans a Celebration of Life sometime in the spring for all family and friends. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to Wenatchee Senior Softball Association, 791 Turtle Rock Rd., East Wenatchee, WA, 98802. Please leave your thoughts and prayers for the family at [www.chapelofthevalleyncw.com](http://www.chapelofthevalleyncw.com). Arrangements are by Chapel of the Valley, East Wenatchee, WA.

# Tribute Wall

BJ

“ Just wanted to express some of my thoughts and my appreciation for Bill. I never knew Bill before I started playing softball for Vita-Green in 2009. I had heard the Mooney name before and was familiar with the Mooney legends in E. Wenatchee athletics. But then again how can you not have heard the stories of the Mooney's if you grow up in the Wenatchee Valley! I walked out to the field for our first softball practice in the spring at Hydro only knowing one other person on the team and not even knowing who Bill was or what he looked like. I took a gamble that some guys playing catch at one of the fields must be Vita-green guys. So I walked on over hoping I was right. The first person to walk up to me and introduce himself was a tall, amiable man with a huge smile and a gentle laugh. He said his name was Bill and I said so was mine. He told me I was in the right place. And that I was! He made me feel welcome from my first day with the team. From the start I was impressed by Bill's fairness not only on the field but to all his players/friends. We all played whether we deserved to or not because it wasn't about winning as much as it was about supporting each other in our attempts to squeeze one more year out of our arms and bats while doing something each of us loved. Bill had the right perspective about the game-one I truly appreciated. One that put people first and the game second. Not that the game couldn't occasionally get heated in a friendly rivalry but Bill never lost his respect for any member of any team we played. A lesson we can all learn from. Plus, win or lose, there were always tacos at the Rock Island Tavern after the game was over! Bill was a man that I would characterize as Kind. His kindness was evident to all who knew him. He was fair. You didn't have to be the best to play. If you made the effort to be at the game you got to play. That I respected. He dealt with each of us as friends and treated each of us with honesty and integrity. A better man I cannot think of. I also got to play with Dan, Paula, Greg and Jeff, four of Bills kids. They say you can tell the character of a man by the character of his children. I have to say, the brilliance of Bills character shines brightly in each of his children. Thank you Dan, Paula, Greg and Jeff it was a true joy to get to know each of you and your friends. You are each a wonderful

*reflection of your father. And thanks for letting me get know the Mooney legend first hand!*  
*Bill Meyer Jr.*

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“*Wow such a great and caring man. Loved playing softball for Bill. He always made me smile. Enjoyed playing with all his family as well - Dan, Greg, and Jeff and seeing Paula at the games. Love the rivalry between Bill and Art.*

*My thoughts and prayers go to the entire family.*  
*Rick Bengé*

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