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William Joseph Osborn passed away peacefully in Wenatchee on Veterans Day, November 11, 2013, after succumbing to pancreatic cancer. William was born on November 29, 1924 in Spokane, WA. He grew up on the family farm near Hartline, enjoyed athletics, and learned wheat farming from his father and grandfather. He graduated from Hartline High School in 1942 and enlisted in the U. S. Navy during World War II. He entered into active duty in 1943 and, along with his brother, served aboard the USS Howard W. Gilmore as a fire control man from 1944 - 1946. Both Robert and his brother moved to Sacramento, CA to be near their mother after their service in WWII.

William played professional baseball after the service, including the 1947 season with the Wenatchee Chiefs. It is while playing baseball that he met his future wife, Marylyle Cunningham, the 1950 Apple Blossom Queen. They were wed in 1952 and moved to Hartline to farm and raise their four children. In 1980, William was ordained a permanent deacon in the Catholic Church for the Diocese of Yakima, the same year the family moved to Cashmere. He served as deacon at Saint Francis Xavier in Cashmere until 1992 and at Saint Joseph in Wenatchee, from 1993 until his death.

As a younger man, William enjoying bowling and was a certified instructor. Later, his passion turned to golf and he was often on the course before the first pot of coffee in the clubhouse finished brewing. But his greatest pleasure came from serving youth; as little league and American Legion baseball coach, peewee basketball coach,

4-H State Board Member, church youth group leader, track timer and juvenile detention counselor. William always had time for a young person down on his or her luck and needing someone to talk to. His acts of service in multiple capacities led to him being named Citizen of the Year for Cashmere in 1986.

He is survived by his children and their spouses, Kevin (Darrylin) of Kennewick, Shawn (Tammie) of Wenatchee, Erin of Cashmere, and Tim (Jackie) of Bellevue; and his grandchildren, Hillary, Ashley and Lexie. William was preceded in death by his father, Eugene Olen Osborn; his mother, Etta May Osborn; his wife, Marylyle Osborn; his twin brother, Robert Osborn; his half-brother, Donald Osborn; and two twin daughters, Joan and Mary Osborn.

The family wishes to thank the staff at RiverWest Assisted Living and Central Washington Hospital Hospice Services, as well as the numerous visitors that made dad's final weeks memorable.

A Vigil will be held for William at 7:00 p.m. on Thursday, November 21, 2013 at St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Wenatchee. A Funeral Mass will occur at 11:00 a.m. on Friday, November 22, 2013, also at St. Joseph's Catholic Church. A Graveside Inurnment Service will be held Saturday December 7, 2013 at 11:00 a.m. at the Hartline Cemetery.

In honor of William's life, the family suggests memorials to St. Joseph's Kuykendall Hall, or a charity of your choice.

Please visit the online guest book to share your thoughts and memories with William's family: www.telfordschapel.com. Services are under the care of Telford's Chapel of the Valley, East Wenatchee.

Tribute Wall

AB

“ Bill was a great brother, husband, father, Uncle, Grandfather, and friend to all those who knew him. He and your family were great neighbors while I was grew up on the farm north of Hartline. I remember many evening being at your house visiting with you and your parents. It was good to see Bill and you at Bob's funeral. Bill taught many kids how to play sports and enjoyed being a mentor to all those in the community. My thoughts and prayers are with you at this difficult time. I am sorry I couldn't make it to the Hartline Cemetery today, I had good intentions but was unable to get away. Have a Merry Christmas and know that your parents are together again probably snowmobiling, talking farming, playing bridge, or visiting with my parents, Bud & Shirley Boger. Bill & Bob are together again too and playing ball together.

Allen Boger - December 07, 2013 at 07:28 PM

DE

“ Received the Coulee paper here in Gilbert, AZ this afternoon and was saddened to hear of your Dad's death. Was so glad we were able to see him at Bob's funeral. He never changed, always that smile on his face. He was special and so enjoyed that special wit of his. God be with each of you during this trying time. Hugs to each of you.

Dorothy and Vern Elder - November 23, 2013 at 09:17 PM

CE

“ I was so saddened to hear of the passing of your father. He was truly a man of many accomplishments and am very proud to have had the honor to have known him and your mother. I lost both of my parents in the last 5 years and there isn't a day go by that I don't miss them. Your parents have provided you with many fond memories and you'll have those memories to treasure from here on out. It's sad because I was just in Wenatchee a couple of weeks ago and thought about stopping in but just wasn't sure how to locate your dad. I wish I would have tried harder. I would have liked to have said good-bye. I am not able to attend the services and would like to send my condolences to each of your families. treasure all those wonderful memories. Take Care and God Bless You.

Cindy Edwards - November 22, 2013 at 09:13 AM

JR

“ Uncle Bill's kind and gentle personality will be deeply missed by all who had the privilege of knowing him and calling him Uncle. His smile had a way of warming our hearts. He was a kind and understanding man who influenced many. He will remain in our thoughts and prayers.

Jackie and Roy - November 21, 2013 at 10:18 PM

DR

“ Bill is a hero to me. I have known him since childhood. He lived his life serving others whether he knew them or not. He left the world a better place. My prayers and thoughts go to Bill and his wonderful family.

Dan Roche - November 21, 2013 at 11:21 AM

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“ My thoughts and prayers go out to all of the family. Bill was my uncle and I feel so blessed to have had him in my life. He was such a kind and caring man who always took the time to reach out to those needing him. He did so much for the youth of our community and never turned away from someone in need. He will be greatly missed and always remembered for the wonderful man that he was. God has added a wonderful member to His Kingdom.

Brenda Lilley (Osborn) - November 21, 2013 at 12:16 AM

PT

“ Kevin, Shawn, Erin and Tim:
I have such fond memories of your Dad, such a kind man. So sorry for your loss - Thoughts and prayers to your family!

Patsy Kelley Tanneberg - November 19, 2013 at 08:54 PM

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“ My heartfelt condolences to the Osborn family. You Dad was a wonderful man, he always had a beautiful smile and kind words.

Michelle Myers (Beaver) - November 19, 2013 at 01:13 PM

TJ

“ Bill was always kind, always smiling and did so much for all of us kids growing up. He will be greatly missed. My thoughts and prayers go to all of his family.

Tracey Prather Johnson - November 19, 2013 at 11:42 AM

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Tracey Prather Johnson - November 19, 2013 at 11:41 AM

LA

“ *Bill, I just want you to know what an inspiration and example you have been to me in my life. I will spend the rest of my life aspiring to be "Just Like Bill."*

Lee Annette - November 19, 2013 at 10:36 AM

TT

“ *One of the most amazing people I have ever met. Deacon Bill had an ability to radiate love where ever he went.*

Theresa Terry - November 18, 2013 at 03:38 PM