

Bill Karr



Today, we honor Bill Karr, a great husband, father, grandfather, and friend who departed on March 18, 2024, leaving us with a sense of peace and gratitude for the many blessings in his life.

Bill, a Seattle native, attended Franklin High School and graduated from Lakeside School in 1956. In 1960, he graduated from the University of Washington where he was a member of Alpha Delta Phi and a devoted Husky fan.

Bill's early career included roles at Xerox Corporation and Dean Witter before he discovered his passion for entrepreneurship. In 1973, he founded and managed The Boat Loft in Edmonds - the first dry storage boat marina on the West Coast. After several successful years, he transitioned back to finance and established Evergreen Capital Management which he ran until his retirement in 2001.

But Bill always claimed retirement was his greatest achievement and, with the love of his life, Jill, they got to explore the globe. He loved anything with an engine and kept a collection of various cars and boats over the years. Of all the places he got to experience, his favorite journey was cruising in Desolation Sound on his beloved boat, "Cheers".

No words can fully capture the essence of this incredible man. His honesty and integrity as well as his joy of life knew no bounds. His legacy of love within his family and friends is a testament to a life well lived. His volunteer efforts helped many in his community and his mentorship inspired young lives. He was loved and admired by countless and his absence will be deeply felt.

Bill is survived by his loving wife of 52 years, Jill, and their 4 children: Dean, Brad (Annika), Carol (Patrick), and Steven (Jordan). He also adored his 5 grandchildren, Jackson, Andrew, Max, Megan, and Cameron, who shared the same love for him.

Donations in Bill's name can be sent to ISLANDWOOD or BAINBRIDGE ISLAND COMMUNITY FOUNDATION.

Arrangements entrusted to Cook Family Funeral Home of Bainbridge Island, WA.