



Norman Lyle Bland Jr

October 24, 1947 - March 7, 2020

Lyle Bland, son, husband, father and friend, died at his home in Manson, WA on March 7, 2020. He grew up in Wenatchee, WA, attended Wenatchee area schools, Wenatchee Valley College and transferred to Washington State University where he earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Architectural Design and Project Management. After his college graduation, he enlisted in the Washington State National Guard and was honorably discharged in June 1976. Lyle stayed in the Wenatchee area and worked for Chelan County, the City of Wenatchee and Link Transit for most of his career. In 2001, he relocated to Manson.

Lyle loved to travel and experience life. His passion was being on or near the water – water skiing, boating and fishing were some of his favorite things to do. He built two wooden boats (Mr. B and Ms B) and was in the process of gathering the materials to build a gentleman's racer to put on Lake Chelan. One of his most talked-about memories was when his wife, Karen, surprised him for his birthday with a ride on a hydroplane racer on Lake Chelan. He played sports in high school (remember the Pocket Rocket?) and enjoyed watching his kids and grandkids play sports, attending as many sporting events as was possible. Lyle also took pleasure in hanging out with friends and family, tossing back an ice-cold beer on a hot day, listening to rock-n-roll music and smoking a good cigar.

Lyle was born in Wenatchee to Lyle Bland, Sr. and Geraldine Doty. He adored and was married to Karen Bland for 18 wonderful years, she survives. He is

also survived by his mother, Geraldine Bland; his sister Debbie (Rick) Colwell; daughters Ciri Bland, Mauri (John) Griggs and Karli (Matt) Prazer; stepchildren Kelli (John) Volkman, Joe (Samantha) Pearson and Holly (Josh) Emmons; niece Anna (Corey) Rowe; 13 Grandchildren, one Great-Granddaughter and two Great-Nieces; his aunt Beryl Bland; and many cousins.

In lieu of flowers, the family has requested donations be made in Lyle Bland's memory to either the Shriners Children's Hospital-Spokane at <https://donate.lovetotherescue.org> or the Fisher House at <https://fisherhouse.org>.

Last, the family asks that you make life experiences with your children, tell your loved ones every day that you love them and make a toast to wonderful friendships lifelong and beyond. That is what Lyle would wish for. Oh...and maybe toss back an ice-cold beer on a hot day while listening to some good rock-n-roll music! Go Cougs

Tribute Wall



“ *Norman Lyle Bland Jr*

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