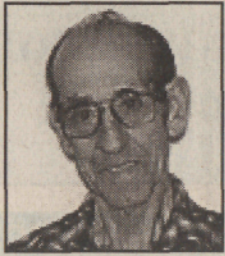


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Bill Mead, 77

O u r grandfather found his way to a better place on Feb. 27, 2005, after losing his fight with



lung cancer. A celebration of his life will be held on Friday March 4, 2005 at 5 p.m..

Anyone who knew Bill is invited to come share stories, bowl a few frames, and enjoy a potluck celebration at AJ's Lanes.

William went into the Navy in 1946. He served only 9 months until the war ended and he received his honorable discharge from active duty. During that time he married the love of his life, Elizabeth "Betty" Martin. William and Betty had two beautiful children, Katherine and William Jr.

Bill had several careers which included working in the

ship yards, working on and repairing boats. He also passed the time in the early 1980's as a substitute janitor in the Coeur D'Alene area school district. But his favorite of all, he loved working in the woods as a sawyer. He worked almost all his life in the woods. He loved the outdoors. Since the late forties, he has logged off of just about every mountain between the Yaak in Montana clear to the coast of Washington. He loved to build just about anything out of wood. He would go out and fall the trees, bring them down from the mountains on his own self loading truck, and had it made into lumber, then he built items such as miniature roll top desks, cedar chests, gun cabinets, bird houses and feeders, planters, and just about anything he received a picture of. His signature wood item has to be his wishing well planter; he has built hundreds of them over the years. We would say, "Hey grandpa, can

you build me something" He would just reply, "give me the dimensions and I'll see what I can do." And after about a week he would bring it over completed and absolutely beautiful. He loved going to craft sales to sell what he would build with his daughter Kathy, his sister Vivian, and his granddaughter Theresea. Some of his other hobbies over the years were hunting, fishing, golfing, and his passion... bowling. He could always be found on league nights with "his better half", his pug dog, Twoey. Bill and his pug dog never left each others side. She wasn't an animal, just ask her she would tell you, as grandpa would say.

Bill has now, finally, made his way back to the arms of his loving wife, Betty, who had passed away in the late 1960's, and daughter Kathy who passed away in 1995. Also meeting his parents, Frank and Pearl and his loving sister Vivian there.

He has left behind, sisters

Rose of Billings, Mont., and Barbara of Spokane; son, William Jr. of Salt Lake, Utah; granddaughter, Suzi of Moyie Springs; grandson, Frank, currently stationed in Italy; granddaughter, Theresea of Bonners Ferry; grandson, Chad of Salt Lake City; granddaughter Patrice of Salt Lake City, Utah; and great-grandchildren Donald and Rachel of Bonners Ferry, and Felicia, Samuel, Victoria, and Jacob currently in stationed in Italy. Also left behind are many friends and neighbors.

Memorials can be sent to Theresea Fallis, RT 4 Box 5318, Bonners Ferry, Id. 83805 which will, in turn, have something of need added to the Hospice Family Room at the VA Hospital in Spokane.

Mr. William Woodson Mead was loved dearly and will be missed by all who knew him. The time will be cherished spent with him and the memories will live on...