



## William Kenneth Freeman

February 13, 1941 - December 1, 2016

William “Bill” Kenneth Freeman, age 75, of Philomath, Oregon, passed away at Good Samaritan Hospital on Thursday, December 1st, 2016, from complications due to cancer. Bill was born in Boring, Oregon on February 13, 1941, to Kenneth Eugene Freeman and Ruth Elsie Frieda (Ide) Freeman. He was the youngest of 5 children.

He was a 1959 graduate of Corvallis High School and also attended Concordia Bible College in Portland, Oregon. Later he received a Degree at Linn Benton Community College.

He met the love of his life, Dawn Marie Summers, in 1956, and, after serving his country in the United States Army from 1960 to 1962, they were married on October 27th, 1962. He was affectionately dubbed “Billy” by Dawn. They resided in the Albany and Corvallis, Oregon area. They were married 40 years before Dawn passed away in 2003.

Bill was employed by Mutual Produce, then managed a Texaco Station for several years before becoming an Energy Consultant with Consumers Power, Inc. After retiring, he sold real estate through Landmark Realty.

In his younger years he loved fishing with his brothers, Keith and Gene, and later on one of his favorite activities was going antiquing with wife, Dawn, and their life-long friends Ron and Debbie Shipman.

He would tell you his greatest achievement was his family. He loved them dearly and would do anything for them – from killing spiders, to changing flat tires, to loaning money he didn’t really have, to supporting them in any endeavor they showed an interested in. Bill will forever be remembered as a loving, kind, warm and generous man with a brilliant smile and a big heart. He was welcoming to everyone he met and made an indelible impression on all who were privileged to know him.

Bill is survived by daughter, Laurie Davison (Randy) of Corvallis, daughter, Lisa Speers (Jamie) of Salem, son, Ryan Freeman (Ashley) of Florida, son, Rick Freeman (Johnnie) of Philomath, daughter-in-law Carlea Freeman of Lebanon, grandchildren, Justin (April), Trevor (Michelle), Tyler (Ericca), Kyle (Kayla), Megan, Chad, Dylan, Carly, Avery, Cassidy, Macy and Chloe; sister, Darlene Fotopoulous of Albany, brother, Keith Freeman (Sharon) of Redmond, sister-in-law, Fawn Drewel (Ken) of Prosser, WA, sister-in-law, Kathy Albrich (Steve) of Lebanon, brother-in-law, Fred Fuller of Cottage Grove, as well as a multitude of

nieces, nephews and friends he loved dearly. He was preceded in death by his parents, his brother, Eugene Freeman, his sister, Bernice Fuller, and his beloved wife, Dawn. A Celebration of Life will be held at Life Community Church, 4900 NW Hwy 99W, Corvallis, Oregon on Saturday, January 21st, 2017, at 2:00 p.m. with a small reception to follow in the church fellowship hall. Memorial contributions can be made to the American Cancer Society at [www.cancer.org](http://www.cancer.org).

# Cemetery Details

## Oak Lawn Memorial Park

2245 SW Whiteside Drive  
Corvallis, OR

# Previous Events

## Celebration of Life

JAN 21. 2:00 PM (PT)

Life Community Church  
4900 NW Hwy 99W, Corvallis,  
Corvallis, OR 97330

# Tribute Wall

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“ *From the Woodman family to the Freeman family: The two Army buddies and their brides are finally visiting each other again. Our sincere condolences to you all.*

*Rick and Heidi Woodman  
Lincoln, NE*

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**Rick Woodman** - December 08, 2016 at 05:37 PM

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“ *To Keith and Sharon: So sorry to hear of your brother Bills passing.  
Patti and Milt Cardwell*

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**patti Cardwell** - December 08, 2016 at 01:01 PM



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**DeMoss-Durdan Funeral Home and Crematory** - December 06, 2016 at 05:10 PM

 Debbie Chickering

“ *You left us so unexpectedly Uncle Bill. I will miss you immensley. I will miss your big bear hugs with that little "I love you" whispered in my ear, sharing puppy pictures with you on Facebook everyday, and seeing your big happy smile. I have so many wonderful memories of family holidays and gatherings with all 8 of us kids running around, getting into mischief, then digging into the pile of gifts under the beautiful Christmas tree. I know Auntie Dawn was there to greet you, and perhaps Jim playing his guitar for you. Rest in peace my dear Uncle. I love you.*



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**Debbie Chickering** - December 05, 2016 at 07:53 PM

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**Debbie Chickering** - December 05, 2016 at 07:51 PM

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**Lisa Speers** - December 05, 2016 at 05:39 PM

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“ So sorry to hear of Bill's passing. I am sure Bill is resting in peace, as he always had a strong relationship with God.  
Spent many happy vacations, celebrations, events and just plain family time with all of you, Laurie, Ryan, Lisa and Rick. My sincere condolences to all, and may God give you peace in your sorrow.  
Homer Appelgate

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**Homer Appelgate** - December 03, 2016 at 10:41 AM