



## **WILLIAM H. MERRILL, JR.**

April 25, 1934 - August 31, 2016

### Obituary of WILLIAM MERRILL, JR.

William H. (Popi) Merrill, one of God's most faithful, was called to his eternal home Wednesday night, August 31st, 2016. Born April 25th, 1934, Billy loved his Lord, his family, and his politics. A native of Umatilla, Florida, he was most at home in his beloved Alaska, where he learned to fly and raised his family.

If Billy wasn't working, he was hunting, fishing, or flying with his sons and grandchildren. Carol, known as TuTu to her grandchildren, was his devoted wife of 61 years. They made life-long friends on their adventures whether it was in Alaska, Hawaii, Arizona, or Florida.

Within minutes of meeting Billy you knew his convictions regarding his life, his faith, and the 2nd Amendment of our great nation's Constitution. He was well respected and his tough love was inspiration for many.

His presence will be greatly missed by his wife: Carol H. Merrill; brother: Robert Merrill and his wife Connie Merrill; sister: PollyAnn Casale and her husband Joe Casale; son: Ben Merrill and his wife, Toni Merrill; son: Al Merrill and his wife, Robbyn Merrill; grandchildren: Lucas Merrill, Holly Raschein and her husband Ryan Raschein, Zachary Merrill and his wife Melissa Merrill; great-grandchildren: Taylor Merrill, Paige Merrill, and Drake Raschein.

Billy was preceded in death by his father: William Merrill Sr.; mother: Stella Spencer; sisters: Helen Lee, Doris Marshall; and grandson: Joshua Merrill.

A memorial service will be held at 3:00 p.m., Sunday, September 4, 2016 at the First Baptist Church of Umatilla with Reverend Brooks Braswell officiating. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be directed to Angel Flight West, 3161 Donald Douglas Loop, South Santa Monica, CA, 93532.

# Tribute Wall

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“ To Carol, Ben/Toni, Al/Robyn and all the grandkids Sandy and I offer our condolences for your loss. Billy was the first person we met when we moved to Alaska, and what a person he was! I will never forget his southern drawl chewing out the liberals. And that goat of his. Heaven has gained a giant....and earth has lost Gods advocate. May God bless you and your families during this time. Dust & Sandy

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**Dusty & Sandy Miller** - September 26, 2016 at 12:00 AM

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“ To Carol, Ben, Al and all your families. . . . We are all truly saddened by your loss and want you to know that we all pray for each of you to find solace and strength in the promise of our Lord. Though we are all far apart in distant places in this life, we will all gather together again in His presence and we will have Billy to lead us through the new world we will call home. Billy has always been a life force to admire, and he never ceased to amaze, enlighten, ridicule, or support the many friends that clung to him. We are all very fortunate to have had the chance to cross paths in this chaotic world with such a unique man of character, value, and friendship. Please know that we are all thinking of each of you during this difficult time. Brian

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**The Entire Miller Family** - September 09, 2016 at 12:00 AM

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“ Carol, prayers with you and your family

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**Iverna Schultz Thomas** - September 08, 2016 at 12:00 AM



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