



William Karl Sipfle

November 23, 1941 - March 7, 2019

William Karl Sipfle November 23, 1941 - March 7, 2019

William Karl (Bill) Sipfle died peacefully March 7, 2019 at Skylark Assisted Living in Ashland, OR. Born to Karl and Louise (Hinnners) Sipfle November 23, 1941 in Springfield, IL, he graduated from Webster Groves High School, St. Louis, MO, attended MIT and graduated from Carleton College, Class of '64. He wed Katherine (Kathy) Albright in the Carleton chapel on graduation day. Together 15 years, they were parents to Kenneth Arthur and Douglas Alan Sipfle. Both sons now live in Longmont, CO. Bill completed Masters degrees in physics (U. of Wisconsin) and library science (U. of Minnesota). Between degrees he taught physics two years at Ripon College, and later worked 20 years in systems programming and supervision at Bell Laboratories in Murray Hill, NJ, and Denver, CO. Living close to the Rocky Mountains in Boulder, he discovered high altitude hiking, trail running, and cycling before a diagnosis at age 43 of stage-four non-Hodgkins lymphoma. He beat the prognosis of 5-7 years, continuing work and travel, including Europe, the Himalayas, and Peru. Shortly after retirement he moved to Ashland, a university town with mountains and culture. He was married in 2000 to Kathryn (Kate) Cleland, who survives, along with Kathy (Ron) Taylor, son Ken (Deborah), their children Hannah (Andrew Alm), Corban and Joshua; son Doug (Elisa), their son Justin; niece Gail Sipfle, and cousins including John (Linda) Hinnners, and Marion Hinnners, William (Tammy), James (Carol,) Edward (Karen) Sipfle and Nancy (John) Woestman. Bill leaves four beloved Alm great-grandchildren, Garrett, Micah, Anabeth and Briella. He was pre-deceased by brothers David (Dave), sister-in-law Mary Alice, and brother Richard (Dick). Bill was active in the Jackson County Bridge Club (Unit 484, ACBL), the Rogue Recyclers, the Hash House Harriers, and belonged to the Rogue Valley Unitarian Universalist Fellowship, where a celebration of his life will be held Saturday, April 27, 2019 at 11 am.

Events

APR

27

Celebration of Life

Rogue Valley Unitarian Universalist Fellowship

87 4th St, Ashland, OR, US, 97520

11:00AM - 12:00PM

Comments



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of William Karl Sipfle.



April 01, 2019 at 06:06 PM



“ After Bill had a stroke I took some piano music over to the house and Bill picked out what he wanted me to play. It was fun for both of us. Some classical and some musicals. Donna Barrett

Donna Barrett - March 16, 2019 at 08:52 PM



“ Fran and Herb purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of William Karl Sipfle.



Fran and Herb - March 15, 2019 at 08:06 PM