



## William Richard Black

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William R. Black (Bill) at the age of 81 passed away at his home surrounded by his family on Oct. 25th 2012 after a long battle with cancer. He was a life long resident of Ephrata Washington. Bill was born in Wenatchee, WA on January 2, 1931 to Lloyd R. Black and Florence H. McLain They moved to Ephrata when Bill was a small child. Bill was an Ephrata Tiger, lettering in football, baseball and his favorite sport basketball. He met the love of his life while in high school, Lorraine Anderson. After graduating in 1949 he attended Eastern Washington University and then returned to Ephrata where he and Lorraine married in 1951.

They bought a home on “F” Street where they spent their lives and raised their three children.

Bill & Lorraine owned and operated B&B Painting Company for over thirty five years. He was the president of the painters union in 1969 and took great pride in his trade leaving his mark all over the pacific northwest. He was also an active member of his community. Bill served in the National Guard, belonged to the Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, long time member of the Elks and Lions Club.

He called Ephrata paradise and loved the beautiful northwest and outdoors. He was an avid hunter and fisherman. If he wasn't working he was doing

something outdoors with friends and family. He felt blessed by God to have his family. He took great pride in what he and Lorraine have left to the world.

Bill is preceded in death by his wife, Lorraine Black, Father Lloyd Black, Mother Florence Smith, Brother Jimmy Black. He is survived by his children Rick Black (Dorothy) of Ephrata, Laurel Carpenter (Greg) of Omak, Trudie Damskov (Gordon) of Spokane Valley. He also is survived by nine grandchildren and eleven great grandchildren, Sister Carol Smith (Ralph) of Yucaipa Ca., companion Hazel Scobey of Richland and his Brother In Law Ralph Anderson (Judy) of BattleGround WA.

The memorial service will be held at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church on Nov. 5, 2012 at 11:00 A.M. with a gathering in the Fellowship hall following the service. Please express your thoughts and memories for the family and view the online tribute video at [nicolesfuneralhome.com](http://nicolesfuneralhome.com). Arrangements are under the direction of Nicoles Funeral Home of Ephrata.

# Previous Events

## Service

NOV 5. 11:00 AM (PT)

Holy Trinity Lutheran Church  
1012 C St S.W.  
Ephrata, WA 98823

# Tribute Wall



“ *Nicoles Funeral Home and Valley View Memorial Park created a Tribute Video in memory of William Richard Black*



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**Nicoles Funeral Home and Valley View Memorial Park** - October 25, 2012 at 12:00 AM

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“ *Bill & I go back to 1943 when my family moved to Ephrata, We were classmates from the 7th grade through High School. I am happy that I got to see him last year when my daughter took me to Ephrata for a short visit. We shared a lot of memories. I moved away after high school but we did keep in touch mostly through Jerry Gibbons. Please accept my condolences for your loss. Larry Smith*

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**Larry Smith** - October 31, 2012 at 01:54 PM

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“ Billy and I were born less than a month apart in Wenatchee but both grew up in Ephrata, living for many years a block apart. We attended grades 1-12 together (no K then) and graduated in the class of 1949. Billy has remained my contact with Ephrata since that time, always supportive of all our reunions, letting me know when Ephrata friends have passed on etc. When I returned for a career at the Wenatchee Valley Clinic he was one of the first to welcome me home. Through his many months of cancer treatments and difficult procedures he has remained the most upbeat, positive, cheerful, strong person I have ever known. It was always a total joy to visit him or call and talk. He loved his wife and family, was devoted to them, and they returned their love and support. He had amazingly good results from his many trials of chemotherapy, continually surprising his physicians, who he also admired. I think his positive attitude and acceptance of death without fear gave him many more months of life with his loved ones. Hazel became a wonderful part of his life and they gave much support to each other. Thanks Billy for being such a devoted, wonderful friend. We are all going to miss you.

Gerald (Jerry) Gibbons

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Gerald E Gibbons, MD - October 31, 2012 at 12:49 PM

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“ Bill became a life partner of my mother, Hazel Scobey, a few years after my dad passed away. He gave her his love, devotion, and companionship up to the very end of his life. He also gave her a large, appreciative, rambunctious family, who took her in as one of their cherished friends. One of her fondest memories was of Bill's eightieth birthday party where his descendants were gathered for a family photo that included her alongside Bill. My thanks to all of you for the precious memories you gave her. Kathryn Lang

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Kathryn Lang - October 29, 2012 at 03:31 PM