



## William Hood Birch

August 1, 1943 - December 15, 2021

Well known Scott Valley resident Bill Birch entered the presence of his Heavenly Father December 15, 2021 after a short stay at Asante Regional in Medford, Oregon. His early years were spent as an accomplished water polo player later, entering the Hall of Fame at California State University Long Beach. He married Suzanne in 1968 and moved to Mount Shasta for 9 years and then to the small town Etna. He was a youth pastor and high school math teacher. He had a passion to teach the Bible and encourage and mentor young men. People would describe him as compassionate, loyal, and gifted to serve others. His passion for the outdoors led him to the mountains, packing, hunting, and being active in life with his wife. They did everything together. Bill leaves his wife of 53 years Suzanne, a son Christian (Monique), daughter Amy Black (Jason), daughters Kimberly and Kyndall. He loved his grandchildren: Payton, Tycen and Boden Birch, Ellie and Luca Black, Eiler Birch Smoot, and Damon and Haedon Haskins. We will miss his tender heart, kind smile, and words of solace and encouragement that filled his 78 years. Services for Bill will be held Saturday January 8, 2022 at 1:00pm at Scott Valley Berean Church in Etna.

# Tribute Wall

MD

“ We just heard of Bill's passing. My memory goes to 1973 when he took a few of us high school kids from Weed Berean Church to the Younglife camp at Woodleaf. It was a great weekend. I remember him giving a sermon at church one Sunday night about the body of Christ. He was talking about, "...what if all were an eye?..." He said, "Imagine a giant eyeball rolling up the aisle to the front". That got my attention! It made a huge impression on my young mind. We can't all be the same! God has unique gifts for each one of us. The influence that Bill left for Christ on this earth will only be measured by eternity. And it will continue in ways none of us can calculate. So blessed by his life. Our condolences to Suzi and his children and grandchildren. May God comfort you all. Mary Sprunger DeRoss

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**Mary B. DeRoss** - January 07, 2022 at 12:00 AM

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“ Sorry for tor loss

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**Heather Buono Naylor** - January 04, 2022 at 12:00 AM

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“ RIP. So very sorry for your loss. 🙏🙏🙏

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**Kristen Naylor** - January 04, 2022 at 12:00 AM

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“ Our deepest condolences to the family of Bill Birch.... we met Bill, Susie, Christian, Amy ,Kim & Kendall while attending the Berean Church of Etna... Bill & Susie became friends & Bill also became a teacher at the Etna High School with my then Husband Butch May the Lord hold you in his arms & bless your family & protect & watch over them through these difficult time....Bill will be greatly missed Mrs Susan Bigham-Lanning & Families Medford, Oregon

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**Susan Bigham-Lanning** - January 04, 2022 at 12:00 AM

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“ We are deeply sorry for your loss ~ Girdner Funeral Chapel

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**A Memorial Tree was planted for William Hood Birch** - January 03, 2022 at 12:00 AM

LH

“ Prayers and condolences to the family and his friends.



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**Liz Hockaday** - January 03, 2022 at 12:00 AM