



## William David Belcher

December 3, 1936 - September 18, 2017

William David Belcher, 80 of Yuma, Arizona passed away peacefully at his vacation home in Lincoln City, Oregon on September 18, 2017. He was surrounded by his loving wife and family, following a short battle with Leukemia. David was born December 3, 1936 to the late Claude and Elda O. Belcher in Muskogee, Oklahoma. He graduated from Richland High School in 1955.

David was a licensed meter technician and received his journeyman lineman credentials after a several year apprenticeship program. He worked at Benton R.E.A. and many private companies as well as numerous Pacific Northwest counties as a lineman. David retired from Chugach Electric in Anchorage, Alaska where he was an electrical dispatcher. He was a 60 year member of the I.B.E.W. Local #77 for which he was recently honored as well as served his country in the U.S. Naval Reserves being honorably discharged.

David was pleased to make regular contributions to the Christian Children's Fund, helping less fortunate children across the world. He was a pilot and small aircraft owner making several trips to Alaska for hunting and fishing with family and friends.

He was an avid golfer and was a member of Yuma Golf and Country Club. David spent many hours and days at the golf course with friends and was

especially happy golfing with his sons, daughters and grandchildren.

David was highly skilled at mechanical things and maintained three homes he shared with his wife Carole in Yuma, Arizona; Casper, Wyoming and Lincoln City, Oregon. He married the love of his life, Carole Byrd in October 2007. They spent many vacations in Hawaii with family, snorkeling, golfing and playing cards. They hosted a family gathering at their Lincoln City vacation home every year, with children, grandchildren and great grandchildren coming from as far away as Baltimore, Maryland and Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

David is survived by his wife, Carole Belcher; daughters; Shelly Sansaver of Spokane, Washington; Kirby Taylor and spouse Brad Taylor of Prosser, Washington; Brenda Boyle and spouse Jim Boyle of Richland, Washington, sons; Kevin Medved and spouse Michelle Medved of Manson, Washington and Timothy Medved and spouse Teri Medved of Longview, Washington. Sharing Carole's children: Julia Madigan of Sandy, Utah; Jeff Byrd and spouse Erica Byrd of Yuma, Arizona and Rachael Barkley of Yuma, Arizona; sixteen grandchildren. eleven great-grandchildren and numerous nieces and nephews.

David was preceded in death by his parents, Claude & Elda O. Belcher and his siblings; Charles Belcher, Rosemary Griffith, Phillip Belcher and Michael Belcher.

A celebration of life will be held at a later date. Information will be made available here on his memorial page. In lieu of flowers the family has requested that donations be made to the Hospice Foundation of your choice.

# Tribute Wall



“ 3 files added to the album Kirby Taylor



Pacific View Memorial Gardens & Crematory - June 30, 2023 at 02:28 PM

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“ Happy Anniversary my husband I miss you so

William - October 13, 2017 at 12:00 AM

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“ William lit a candle in memory of William David Belcher



William - October 08, 2017 at 12:00 AM

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“ So many memories, so many happy times shared with Carole and Dave. Bob and Dave go back 70 years...that's a lot of adventures, misadventures (surely a few might be admitted!) and what a treasure trove of memories. We love and miss you, Dave!



William - October 03, 2017 at 12:00 AM

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**William** - September 30, 2017 at 12:00 AM

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**William** - September 27, 2017 at 12:00 AM

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“ *Our thoughts and prayers are with you at this very difficult time. We have fond memories of just a year ago when you kindly traveled to be with us for Mom's Memorial Service. May your memories help you through the challenging times ahead. Sending prayers, love and hugs!!*

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**William** - September 27, 2017 at 12:00 AM

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“ Dave and I started our adventure in about 1952. From the get go, Dave was always a travelin man. ...sometimes in the early days, I would visit Elda..."He is fine and will be home soon!" In an effort to mention everything mentionable, I remember 68 oz. pitchers for a buck at the Lucky Five. They often led to "running trips." YEARS, YEARS, YEARS! When Dave finally returned from Alaska, he dropped in on a backyard BBQ at my place. My dad greeted him like a long lost son! It was "the old man's" last BBQ. I was a bit envious.... Our trip to Alaska (Dave, Buddy, Dennis and me) to pickup some things Dave left there was like magic! Not to be confused with 68 oz. pitcher trips. We went from Anchorage to Fairbanks for grilled salmon. Worth it? Yes!.... Like most of us, there were many relationships. In my case, some were quite abbreviated. Thank God for Dave's last which brought him so much of all that is good! God bless you, Carol!!

William - September 25, 2017 at 12:00 AM

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“ Sending much love an light to all who new Dave. It is the physical that misses the soul. Just know he is always with you! He shared a lot of great memories with family and loved ones. Always sharing mom and this was a great gift. You will be missed but remain forever in our hearts!!!❤️

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William - September 24, 2017 at 12:00 AM

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**William** - September 24, 2017 at 12:00 AM

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“ *It is with great sorrow we have learned of Dave's passing. Since we both retired, have enjoyed many games of golf with Dave in Arizona, I feel like I want to have time for one more round. Our heart felt sorrow go out to Carole and the entire family. Rest in Peace Dave, you will forever be remembered.*

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**William** - September 24, 2017 at 12:00 AM

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“ *William lit a candle in memory of William David Belcher*



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**William** - September 24, 2017 at 12:00 AM

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“ *You always called me "sister". Thank you. Until we meet again, I will miss you sweet David .....always "Sister" Joyce Allen*

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**William** - September 24, 2017 at 12:00 AM

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“ *I didn't know him very well but he was always really nice and he is in my thoughts and prayers. He made my Grandma very happy and made her laugh all the time. He was a great blessing in my Grandmas life, children, and friends. He made everyone's day.*

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“ *Our thoughts and prayers are with Carole and all the family at this time.*

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“ We are deeply saddened with the knowledge that Dave has passed away. He was such a delight to know, always smiling and kidding, looking so happy, and always "beaming" when he entered a room and saw Carole. They found each other, and joyously, were able to spend a portion of their lives together. Dave was kind and generous. He often made our bridge group some of his mouth-watering, delectable cookies. We will miss him and his cookies. We offer our deepest condolences to Carole and the family. You are in our thoughts and prayers!

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**William** - September 22, 2017 at 12:00 AM

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“ *Those we love can never be more than a thought away....for as long as there's a memory they live in our hearts to stay.*

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**William** - September 21, 2017 at 12:00 AM

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“ My grandfather was someone I didn't get to see often enough. For the majority of my young life, it felt like he was some adventurer, flying around and living this amazing life. I will never forget our summers in Waitsburg. I had the pleasure of spending two long visits with him where he took me up in his airplane and taught me to golf. Well, attempted to teach me to golf. Those are wonderful memories I will always cherish. He was also there when Mike and I needed some help closing on our house. It was hard to ask but he was willing and I'll always be thankful for that. My only regret is that he never got to meet our bright and bouncing boy. I know they would have loved each other. I'm happy to know he's no longer in pain because there is nothing worse than imaging one of the strongest, healthiest people you know suffering. I love Grandpa.

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“ We are so sorry to hear of uncle Dave's passing. He will be missed.

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