



## Mr. William C. Helms

August 6, 1931 - December 15, 2013

William Carl Helms, 82, of Bluffton, passed away at 3:30 a.m., Sunday, December 15, 2013 at Bluffton Regional Medical Center.

William was born in Bluffton on August 6, 1931 to Harry H. and Zehra (Williams) Helms. He married Judy R. Manley in May of 1980 in Marysville, Washington and she survives.

William attended Bluffton High School. He was a Vietnam War Veteran and served 20 years in the United States Navy. A part of that service was aboard the U.S.S. Bon Homme Richard. He also retired from Boeing Company in Everett, Washington as an Electrician. He was a member of the American Legion and a life member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars.

In addition to his wife, he is survived by his step-children, Rick, Pat, Tam, and Chris Manley all of Marysville, Washington., three children, Bill, Toni, Lynn, and Penny, by two sisters, Betty Collins of Marion, Indiana, Sue (Pete) Deam of Bluffton and by his step-grandchildren who were the love of his life in Marysville, Washington.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by a sister, Mary Ann Collins, two brothers, Kenneth Helms and Robert Helms.

There will no calling hours or funeral service. It was William's wish to be

cremated.

His ashes will be taken by his family to Pearl Harbor, Hawaii for a military memorial service and scattering of his ashes at the Arizona Memorial.

Thoma/Rich, Chaney & Lemler Funeral Home are in charge of the cremation.

# Tribute Wall



“ *Mr. William C. Helms*

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September 08, 2022 at 08:26 PM



“ *Mrs. Helms,  
Sorry to learn of Bill's passing. While we never had the chance to meet in person, Bill helped me a lot when his granddaughter, Lindsey Helms, was born. Wish we all had met. Rest in peace Bill.  
Elizabeth Helms, Lindsey Helms and Jesse Helms*

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**Liz Helms** - December 30, 2013 at 09:30 AM



“ *Dear Judy,  
I have just read about Bill's death. My condolences to you, your family and Bill's family. My husband, also, served in the Navy and is the immediate Indiana Past State Commander of the VFW. We thank Bill for the sacrifices he made for our country. May you find peace in your memories as you rejoin your children.  
Sandy Geist Funk*

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**Sandy Funk** - December 19, 2013 at 09:43 AM

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“ Judy and family you have my condolences you had quite a few yeas together and happy thanks to him for serving in the armed forces and helped keep the country free God be with you judy and keep in touch I know you will be leaving to be with your children just take care only way I can give you my e-mail is thru here [pjfrauiger@hotmail.com](mailto:pjfrauiger@hotmail.com) you have my address so sorry I didn't get to view him but his wishes come to see me before you leave my telephone is 694-6571 love ya I will let the rest of the class know of your loss lots of love your way and God Bless

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**Mary Jane Frauiger** - December 17, 2013 at 04:42 PM

BC

“ Thank you bill for your service to our country. Keeping your family in our thoughts and prayers. Rest in peace.



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**Brad Collins** - December 17, 2013 at 06:35 AM

BC

“ So sorry for your loss. Keeping the family in my thoughts and prayers. RIP Bill and thank you for your service to our country.



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**Brad Collins** - December 17, 2013 at 12:07 AM

JB

“ *Jim And Lisa Baker lit a candle in memory of  
Mr. William C. Helms*



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**Jim and Lisa Baker** - December 16, 2013 at 08:28 AM