

Phillip Lynn "Phil" Jenkins 1939 - 2008



Phil passed away suddenly yet peacefully on April 9, 2008 at his home on Lake Goodwin in Stanwood WA.



Phil was born in Seattle on Dec. 17, 1939 to Lynn and Ruth Jenkins. He moved to Edmonds in 1951 and graduated from Edmonds High School in 1958. Phil loved the outdoors and boating, a love instilled by his parents and passed on to his family. His passion for people and boating defined his personal life and his career, starting at McKeever's Service Station, Andy's Boat House and Mills Marina, all in Edmonds.

By the mid-1960's Phil and his buddies were building runabouts. That endeavor, Advance Marine, would become what many know today as Bayliner Boats (U.S. Marine). Phil spent over four decades serving the boating community as Director of Service and International Service Manager, making friends and building relationships across the street and around the world.

Phil loved his family, his friends and the outdoors and will be remembered for successfully making all three a priority. Phil brought people together and kept traditions alive through attention to relationships, planning and storytelling. Years were marked by annual hunting and fishing trips, some for over forty years, camping and snowmobile trips. Months were marked by lunches with his Class of '58 friends and family celebrations. Days were marked by funny emails and regular phone calls. Moments were marked by hugs, handshakes, laughter and a plan for the next time to meet, his eyes always twinkling.

Phil is survived by Glenda, his loving wife of 35 years, daughters Jennifer Lewandowski (Sarah Rollins) and Angela Heuer (Shain), son Bill, grandchildren R.J. and Alex Lewandowski, Mason, Gavin and Corynn Heuer, and siblings Carole Lowell (Dell), Tom Jenkins (Mary), Marilyn Johnston (Gary) and a large, extended family.

Phil's life will be celebrated on Friday, April 25th, at 1:00 at the Edmonds Plaza Room (above the Edmonds Library), 650 Main Street. In lieu of flowers the family would like to hear and read your favorite Phil-story. Please bring, send or email your favorite memory. phil-stories@hotmail.com Donations can be made in Phil's name to: Save Our Wild Salmon (www.wildsalmon.org).

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The poem below was given to Phil by his mother.
It hung in his office for many years and
appeared in Phil's memorial bulletin.

The Modern Mariner, N.W.

He bought a boat
And bought the gull's keen cry,
A sheltered cove
With driftwood silvered high,
The healing empathy of sea and sky

He bought a boat
And purchased Puget Sound,
The Straight, the Gulf,
The islands that abound;
There never was a better bargain found.

He bought a boat
And set a course which bore
To new worlds,
And adventures by the score,
A way of life, a challenge evermore.

— *Hugh Cecil*