

William H. Sperber Jr.

Bellevue, Wash.

March 16, 1933-March 9, 2014

Longtime Pacific Northwest native William H. Sperber Jr. passed away peacefully on March 9, 2014, due to complications with

Alzheimer's. He is survived by his wife Virginia, their children Cheryl and Brian, and grandchildren Caitlin, Emily and Hanna.

Bill was born in Portland, Oregon on March 16, 1933, to William Henry Sperber Sr. and Elva Wood Sperber. His youth was spent in Pendleton, Oregon, where he lived until his college years at John Hopkins University, Willamette University, Oregon State and the University of Washington. After spending eight years in California, Bill brought his family to the Pacific Northwest where he began his career in banking, first with Seattle First National Bank and then Rainier Bank. His career would also take him and Virginia to San Francisco and Boston as a general auditor and then to return to the Northwest where he would found The Trust Company of Washington and eventually retire in 2000.

From yearly trips to the

coast, Bill and Virginia cultivated their love of travel by visiting Great Britain, Australia, and Russia along with extensive train trips, cruises and

travel throughout the United States. He enjoyed working with his hands and creating things as well. Genealogy was another field of interest Bill was active in that was initiated by his older sister, Sue. He later became president of the Eastside Genealogical Society. Bill

spent his last 11 months of his life under the loving care of Adina Puravet at a Bellevue adult senior care facility. To his family and those who truly knew him, Bill was a believer of fairness and justice, a person of the utmost integrity, forceful yet dignified, gentle and intellectually curious.

A graveside service will be held at 12:30 p.m. at the Olney Cemetery in Pendleton, Oregon, on May 17th. Remembrances can be made to the Western and Central Washington State Chapter of the Alzheimer's Association, 100 W. Harrison, N200, Seattle, WA 98119. Comments can be made at Legacy.com.



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By TAMMY MALGESINI
East Oregonian

Jennifer Pittam recognizes the value of man's best friend when it comes to cancer patients and survivors.

"Dogs play a huge role in our life," said the Hermiston woman. "They're our companions, they don't have any judgment on what you look like and show unconditional love with whatever you're going through."

Pittam and her mother, Sherry Pittam, who have been active participants for more than a decade with Relay for Life, were approached about starting a canine event to fight cancer. It was a no-brainer for Jennifer, who works at a veterinary clinic and whose family has three dogs. She quickly got on board in organizing Hermiston's first Bark for Life event several years ago.

"It was a great opportunity to introduce it as a new part to raise money for Relay for Life," Pittam said.

The 2014 event is Saturday from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at McKenzie Park, 320 S. First St., Hermiston. The registration fee is \$15 per participant with one dog and \$5 for each additional dog. Be sure and bring a leash.

Bark for Life will feature a canine agility course and service dog demonstrations, a doggy wash and a silent auction. In addition, Hermiston Veterinary Clinic will offer nail trims and, in conjunction with Oregon Trail Veterinary Clinic, will host "Ask the Vet." People can gain insight on canine behaviors and get answers to questions about their pets



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