



William Alferd Lockwood

May 23, 1944 - May 15, 2025

In loving memory of William Alferd Lockwood, age 80, who died peacefully May 15, 2025 at his home in Okanogan, Washington, with family by his side. He died from complications of Alzheimers.

Bill was born on May 23, 1944, in Eugene, Oregon to Alferd and Zelma (Carson) Lockwood. His early years were spent in Issaquah, Washington until 1954 when the Lockwoods bought a dryland wheat ranch in the Chiliwist Valley outside of Malott, Washington. Bill attended grade school at Malott Elementary, and he graduated from Okanogan High School in 1963. Bill became an Eagle Scout, in the tradition of his father and grandfather. He attended The University of Washington as a proud member of the Pi Kappa Alpha Fraternity and earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in Business Administration in 1968. During college he served in ROTC and then for two years as Lieutenant in the US Army, with one year in Viet Nam.

Bill received early instruction in flying from his father Al, who was a commercial pilot, instructor, and crop duster. Bill earned his private pilot's license at the age of 16 and pursued his profession of flying for the rest of his life, even building his own private airfield near his home in Okanogan for his crop dusting business. He married Donita Hendrickson Lockwood in 1982, and together they raised two daughters, built their home in 1987, operated his aerial application business, farmed their apple and cherry orchards, and

raised registered Vizsla bird dogs.

Bill loved skiing with his daughters on the Loup, hunting upland game birds and big game with his friends on his game farm and shooting preserve, fishing with his jet boat on the Snake River, and flying his 2-seater float plane to Anchorage, Alaska for a summer of fishing in the surrounding lakes. He spent winter months maintaining and rebuilding his powerful AgCat spray planes. In the winter he would park his float plane on the Snake River when staying with Donita's parents.

Bill served many years as board member of the National Agricultural Aviation Association, representing the Pacific Northwest Aerial Applicators Alliance, serving as Treasurer of the National Association in 2003. He served as President of the PNWAAA in 2008 and 2009. In 2009 he received PNWAAA Operator of the year. In 2024 he received the Wright Brothers. Master Pilot Award from The FAA.

Bill is survived by his wife, Donita at the family home, his children, Abbie (Jack) Bonney, Owen and Sam, Anchorage AK; Cathy (Brad) Eylar, Harper and Henry, Reardan, WA; his sister Linda Lockwood (Bob), Seattle, WA; and many nieces and nephews.

A celebration of life will be held 12 noon, May 31, 2025 at the United Protestant Church, 2nd and Morrow in Mansfield, WA .

Donations in Bill's name may be made to:

PNWAAA, Fallen Pilot Fund, PO Box 55, Quincy, WA 98848

Mansfield Volunteer Ambulance, PO Box 326, Mansfield, WA 98830

Agriculture Museum, 1150 Lakeland Dr., Jackson, MS. 39216 (please note on the

donation that it is to go to the Agriculture Museum)

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

MAY 31. 12:00 PM (PT)

United Protestant Church
130 2nd Ave
Mansfield, WA 98830
(509) 683-1207

Tribute Wall

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“ *Condolences Donita to you and your kids and grandkids. Hate to see him go, but only the great pilots die in their sleep.*

Rod Thomas - May 22, 2025 at 06:20 PM



Thank you Rod ❤️

Donita Lockwood - June 05, 2025 at 08:26 PM

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Donita, So sorry to hear of Bill's passing. He was always so clear and focused when I knew him. We are in Phoenix and will returning to Seattle on 22 June. My condolences to you and the girls.
-William Baker

William Baker - June 17, 2025 at 08:14 PM

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“ *1 file added to the tribute wall*



River Valley Funeral - May 21, 2025 at 05:12 PM