

# Heritage Funeral Home & Crematory

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## Dr. William Pierre Marineau

(September 06, 1928 - December 10, 2013 )

Dr. William "Bill" Pierre Marineau died Tuesday evening at the age of 85. The older of two sons, Bill was born on September 6, 1928 in Elk River, Idaho where his father owned and published the local newspaper. The family moved to Moscow, Idaho in 1932 where his father started the News Review where Bill started delivering papers at the age of 10. Bill met his future wife Jo Ann while attending Moscow High School when he was a Senior and she a Sophomore. He recalls that "she didn't like me very well and I had to do a good sales job to convince her I was a decent person." Bill completed his undergraduate pre-med at the University of Idaho before going to medical school at Northwestern University. Bill married Jo Ann in Evanston, Illinois while in medical school where she started working in the pathology department to help ends meet. Bill and Jo Ann had their first child, Marcia, while at school in Chicago. Bill took up his internship and residency in Oakland, California, where his second child, Stephen, was born. He was then drafted in 1955 where he served as a medical officer for the flight test center, 6510th USAF Hospital at Edwards Air Force Base. Bill wanted to serve in the Air Force after he developed a love for flying while working at the Moscow-Pullman airport during high school. Bill earned enough money for flight school and obtained his pilot's license four days after his 17th birthday. He enjoyed flying around the Palouse hills in a stick-controlled Piper Cub. He was a lifelong pilot and found flying around the mountains of the northwest with friends and family an enjoyable hobby. After his military service in 1957, Bill moved to Moscow, Idaho and took over the practice from Dr. Armstrong in partnership with Dr. Ayers. In 1972, Bill moved to his own office where he practiced until 1985. He passed on his practice and patients to young doctors who created Moscow Family Medicine. As a doctor he put people and care above all else; always on call, always doing the right thing, in surgery, practice and bringing hundreds of babies into safely into the world. During his practice he served as the Latah County Coroner, a Counselor for the Idaho Medical Association, and Chairman for the Board for both Blue Shield of Idaho and Blue Cross of Idaho. While in Moscow, Bill had his last two children, Bill and Mark. After private practice, Bill worked for two years in Wenatchee and then settled in Spokane, Washington where he worked as Medical Director for the Medical Service Bureau, was Commissioner on the Medical Quality Assurance



Commission, and worked for the Regents of Idaho and finally with a private insurance company where he fully retired on January 1, 2013 at the age of 84. Bill's love of helping people took him to serve in many volunteer areas including: helping create a hospice program on the Palouse, seeing patients for the Christ Clinic, working as camp doctor for Young Life at Malibu, delivering for Meals-on-Wheels, serving as Chairman of the advisory board of the Rockwood Foundation, as well as call support for local public TV and church volunteer work. Bill was a great father and grandfather. He believed in all people but laid the foundation for his family of high expectations, in caring for others, service living and in loving one another. He had a relentless pursuit making a difference in the world. Bill is survived by his wife Jo Ann; three sons, Steve, Bill, and Mark; six grandchildren Lea, Elanna, Michael, Heidi, Caitlin, and Molly; and two great-grandchildren. Memorial Services will take place on Saturday, December 14th at 1:00 PM at the Hamblen Park Presbyterian Church, 4102 S. Crestline St., Spokane, Washington. Reception will follow in the fellowship hall. Memorial gifts can be made to the Rockwood Foundation - Residents Assistance.