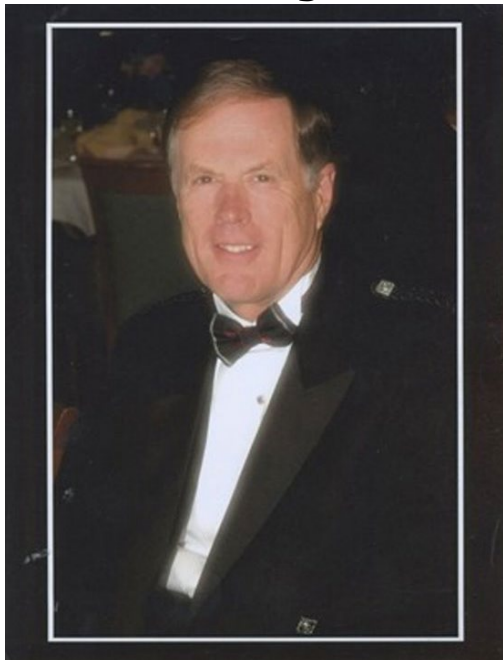


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## William D. Wright



1942- 2022 Loving husband, father, grandfather, great-grandfather, brother, friend, and colleague.

William Dale Wright took his final flight home on Dec. 9, 2022, after a sudden and short battle with a complex staph infection.

He is survived by his beloved wife Marilyn (Simpson) and his six children: Jeffrey (Maureen) of Eagle River, Alaska, Jennifer (Don) Charney of Coeur d' Alene, Idaho, Stephanie (Lorenz) Marti, of San Rafael, Calif., Christopher (Julie) of Saratoga Springs, Utah, Catharine (Roman) McNaughton of University Place, Wash., and Michael (Stephanie) of Sandy, Utah. He is also survived by the love of 21 grandchildren and three great grandsons.

William D. Wright (Bill) was born on Aug. 10, 1942, in Eugene, Ore., the third child of Harry N. and Anna Mildred Wright. With siblings Ann (Frank) Johansen, Craig (Tommie Sue) Wright, and Christine (Roger) Bacon, Bill lived on a ranch with horses and other animals until the age of 14. Later the family moved to a home that backed onto a golf course and this was the beginning of Bill's love for golf.

Bill graduated from Eugene High School in 1960 and went on to attend Brigham Young University in accounting and economics. He met his wife, Carol (Tanner) while at BYU and they were married Nov. 27, 1965. Carol passed away of cancer February 2007.

After graduating from high school, Bill served a three-year Spanish speaking mission on the Texas/Mexico border for the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints. This set the stage for a deep reciprocal love affair with Latin Americans, resulting in a 55+ year business career and the focus of much of his church related service.

After graduating from BYU, Bill accepted a position as an investment banker with Bank of America, International Division-Latin America in the San Francisco office. Two years later, Bill was relocated by B of A to Mexico City, Mexico. Bill continued his international banking career for the next 20 years serving in various senior executive positions with Bank of America, CITI Bank, and Wells Fargo with focus primarily on Latin America. As Bill's career grew and expanded, so did his family. Bill and Carol had six children and during his 20-year banking career, they moved to several different countries, adding to a rich and adventurous family life.

In the 1980s Bill made the decision to establish his own registered investment management company and established William Wright and Associates (WWAL) and made his home in Moraga, Calif. Over the past 40 years WWAL has expanded in order to deliver essential services to its valued clients.

In 2007, Bill was introduced to Marilyn Simpson (a clinical psychologist) and she and "Mr. Wright" were married June 7, 2008 in the LDS temple in Los Angeles. Bill and Marilyn have been blessed with a healthy, happy, and actively engaged 15 years together.

Life for Bill was to be lived to the fullest. He worked hard but also played hard with his zest that made any activity he pursued fun for everyone that was involved. He loved all water sports, flying, skiing, motorcycling, golf, hiking, biking; anything that was outdoors and with those he loved. Bill and Marilyn moved from the East Bay (Calif.) to the South Reno/Tahoe area (Nev.) in 2020 where they have actively pursued their many interests together (family, travel, work, golf, church activities).

Services will be held on Saturday, Jan. 7, at noon.

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