



Bill Van Hook

January 19, 1927 - December 19, 2018

William Charles (Bill) Van Hook was born in Miami, Arizona to Charles and Irene (English) Van Hook on January 19th, 1927. Bill was a graduate of Miami High school in Arizona. Shortly after his 17th birthday, he joined the Navy, and sailed to many countries, including China and the Persian Gulf. After his discharge, he attended the University of Arizona, and later enrolled at Coyne Electrical school in Chicago. Bill did his electrical apprenticeship at the Inspiration copper Mine in Miami, Arizona. Bill received his Journeyman License, and moved his family to the Los Angeles area. He worked on the construction of the Firestone Tire Factory. He then took the job of Electrician and Assistant Superintendent at the Palomar Mountain Observatory in San Diego, California. Later, he was promoted to Superintendent at the Observatory. Tired from the years of 24/7 responsibility at Palomar, Bill moved to Oregon in 1978 to start his own business where he founded Van's Electric, Inc.

After retirement, he took up wood carving and ceramics, joining the Coastal Carvers and Yaquina Art Association. He was a member of the Christadelphian church, giving many talks and exhortations. Bill died on December 19th, 2018 with his family by his side at his home in South Beach, Oregon. He was 91 years old.

Bill is survived by his wife of 68 years, La Velle Van Hook, his daughters Cindy

Ammendolia and Carol, and their husbands Paul and Mark. He is also survived by his son Charles and his wife Lynda Van Hook. Bill has 11 grandkids, 16 great-grandkids, and one great-great-granddaughter. He is also survived by his nephews Keith Dindinger and his wife Ellen, and Lee Arther, and his niece Nancy Matthews.

He was a great family man with a great sense of humor and a certain love of God. Bill will be missed by all.

Amazing Grace:

Amazing Grace, How sweet the sound
That saved a wretch like me
I once was lost, but now am found
T'was blind but now I see

T'was Grace that taught my heart to fear
And Grace, my fears relieved
How precious did that grace appear
The hour I first believed

Through many dangers, toils and snares
We have already come.
T'was grace that brought us safe thus far
And grace will lead us home,

Amazing grace, How Sweet the sound
That saved a wretch like me
I once was lost but now am found

T'was blind but now I see

God is my Strong Salvation:

God is my strong salvation: What foe have I to fear?
In darkness and temptation, my light, my help is near.
Though hosts encamp around me, firm in the fight I stand.
What terror can confound me, with God at my right hand?

Place on the Lord reliance; my soul, with courage, wait.
His truth will be my sustenance, when faint and desolate.
His might my heart shall strengthen, His love my joy increase.
Mercy my days shall lengthen; the Lord will give me peace.

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“ It has been a great run of 47 years of my life with Bill, who was affectionately known as Gramps. He was a light in our lives, someone who we loved and respected. A shining example to all of us. I will remember him for his many talents, like his skill as an electrician and his creativity with wood carving. I admired Gramps as a family man... kind, generous, with a fun sense of humor. I am sorry to see him leave us, but I know he is in comfort with the angels now.

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“ The heavens declare the glory of God; the skies proclaim the work of his hands.² Day after day they pour forth speech; night after night they reveal knowledge.³ They have no speech, they use no words; no sound is heard from them.⁴ Yet their voice[b] goes out into all the earth, their words to the ends of the world. In the heavens God has pitched a tent for the sun.⁵ It is like a bridegroom coming out of his chamber, like a champion rejoicing to run his course.⁶ It rises at one end of the heavens and makes its circuit to the other; nothing is deprived of its warmth.⁷ The law of the Lord is perfect, refreshing the soul. The statutes of the Lord are trustworthy, making wise the simple.⁸ The precepts of the Lord are right, giving joy to the heart. The commands of the Lord are radiant, giving light to the eyes.⁹ The fear of the Lord is pure, enduring forever. The decrees of the Lord are firm, and all of them are righteous.¹⁰ They are more precious than gold, than much pure gold; they are sweeter than honey, than honey from the honeycomb.¹¹ By them your servant is warned; in keeping them there is great reward.¹² But who can discern their own errors? Forgive my hidden faults.¹³ Keep your servant also from willful sins; may they not rule over me. Then I will be blameless, innocent of great transgression.¹⁴ May these words of my mouth and this meditation of my heart be pleasing in your sight, Lord, my Rock and my Redeemer.

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