

Lawrence Polson Bailey (Larry)

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Larry was born in Seattle to Lawrence I. and Genevieve Polson Bailey. The Bailey side arrived in America on the Mayflower in 1620. The Polson's emigrated from Sweden in 1868 and homesteaded on Fir Island, Washington Territory in 1870. He was very proud of both connections. He passed peacefully at home with his son, daughter, and best friend and companion holding his hands.

He had a lifelong love of the outdoors and went through the Scouting program achieving the rank of Eagle Scout. He graduated from Lincoln High School in 1951 and the U.W. in 1955. A commission in the U.S. Naval Reserve flying fighter planes, and marriage to Maxine Joy Mundt followed. After the Navy he was hired as a commercial airline pilot flying DC-3's to start and retiring in the 747.

His family was the most important thing in his life. The outdoors, especially the mountains, was the second love of his life. The whole family was often included in forays into the wilderness. With the

passage of time it was obvious that climbing had a built in ceiling, so he and Maxine started sailing to further stretch their horizons. That part of their life was climaxed with a 14 ½ year circumnavigation on their 41' sailboat, "Shingebiss2". They sailed all oceans, visited all continents and traveled in 72 countries while avoiding all canals. Larry was a long-time member of the Seattle Yacht Club, the Cruising Club of America and the Ocean Cruising Club.

He is survived by son Mark Lawrence Bailey (Kimberly), daughter Ann Bailey Compton (Richard), granddaughter Monica Compton, great grandson Landen Compton and his dearest friend Jo Sanderson.

His parting words: "Adventure, mental or physical, is an essential part of a worthwhile life."

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