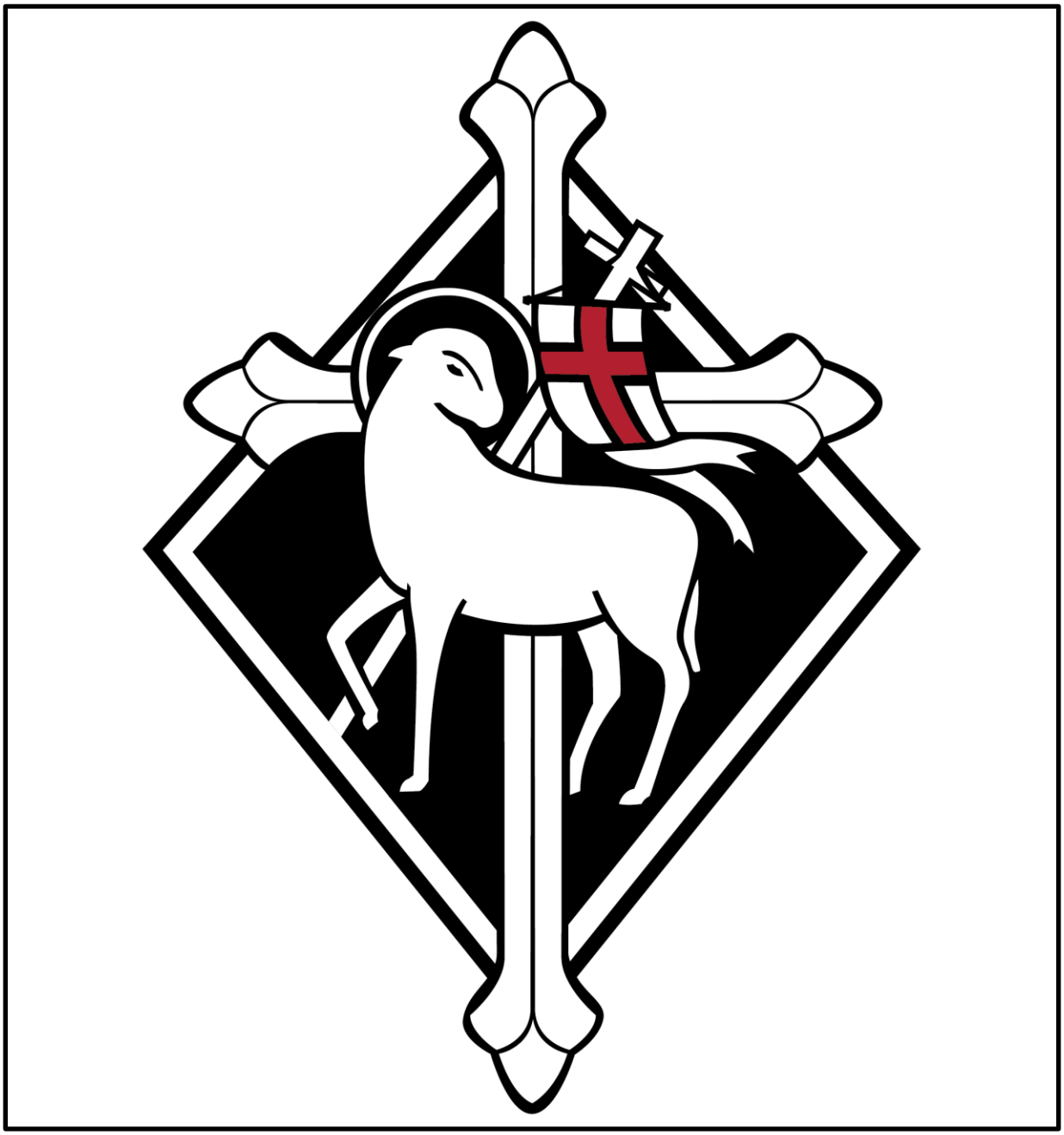
Phillip Luke Cunnington



February 21, 1935 – September 22, 2026

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GREETING AND PRAYER

READING OF THE OBITUARY

MILITARY HONORS—U.S.N.

HYMN

554:1, 2,7, 8: For All the Saints

SCRIPTURE READINGS:

Job 19:23–27

“Oh that my words were written! Oh that they were inscribed in a book! 24 Oh that with an iron pen and lead they were engraved in the rock forever! 25 For I know that my Redeemer lives, and at the last He will stand upon the earth. 26 And after my skin has been thus destroyed, yet in my flesh I shall see God, 27 whom I shall see for myself, and my eyes shall behold, and not another. My heart faints within me!

1 Thessalonians 4:13–18 (ESV)

But we do not want you to be uninformed, brothers, about those who are asleep, that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope. [14] For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with Him those who have fallen asleep. [15] For this we declare to you by a word from the Lord, that we who are alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will not precede those who have fallen asleep. [16] For the Lord Himself will descend from Heaven with a cry of command, with the voice of an archangel, and with the sound of the trumpet of God. And the dead in Christ will rise first. [17] Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air, and so we will always be with the Lord. [18] Therefore encourage one another with these words.

HYMN

351:1, 2, 7, 8:I Know that My Redeemer Lives

Matthew 25:14–23

“For it will be like a man going on a journey, who called his servants and entrusted to them his property. [15] To one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. [16] He who had received the five talents went at once and traded with them, and he made five talents more. [17] So also he who had the two talents made two talents more. [18] But he who had received the one talent went and dug in the ground and hid his master’s money. [19] Now after a long time the master of those servants came and settled accounts with them.

[20] And he who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five talents more, saying, ‘Master, you delivered to me five talents; here, I have made five talents more.’ [21] His master said to him, ‘Well done, good and faithful servant. You have been faithful over a little; I will set you over much.
Enter into the joy of your master.’ [22] And he also who had the two talents came forward, saying, ‘Master, you delivered to me two talents; here, I have made two talents more.’ [23] His master said to him, ‘Well done, good and faithful servant. You have been faithful over a little; I will set you over much. Enter into the joy of your master.’

PRAYERS

Our Father, Who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name, Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in Heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

HYMN

#54: Beautiful Savior

PSALM 23

The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.

He maketh me to lie down in green pastures: He leadeth me beside the still waters.

He restoreth my soul: He leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name’s sake.

Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for thou art with me; Thy rod and thy staff they comfort me.

Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies: Thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over.

Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life: And I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.

BLESSING

Amen.


The
Great Outdoors
Port Orchard, WA
Go Outside And Do Things

OBITUARY

Phillip Luke Cunnington, age 91, of Port Orchard, WA, passed away September 22, 2026, while residing at Park Vista, 2944 SE Lund Ave, Port Orchard, WA.

He was born to the late Chester and Gladys Cunnington, in Muncie, IN, on February 21, 1935. He was born as the 4th child, alongside his beloved twin sister, Phyllis, behind their older brothers of Chet, Jim, and Loren. Phil grew up in the Midwest, including Nevada, Iowa, where he attended Oak Park Academy until the age of 17, at which time he set out for California to briefly live with his brother Chet, before joining the Navy, where he served from 1953-1957.

Phil was a hard worker, a blue-collar worker, who loved working with his hands. He had a variety of jobs when his family was young, including work in the iron ore mines of Minnesota and building airport structural components in Greenland. While being stationed in the Navy in Bremerton, WA, Phil liked what he saw and decided to move his family out west. Phil chiefly did HVAC work while moving west, living in Pasco, Washington and Boise, Idaho. He then relocated his family to Shelton, Washington, where he worked for a time at the Mason County Airport, before manufacturing lumber at Simpsons Timber Company. At one time there he even held a second job as a gas station attendant, to make ends meet.

In 1967 he earned his G.E.D., entered the Apprentice Shipfitter program at PSNS, Bremerton, WA, and graduated from it in 1971. Once working as a shipfitter, he moved his family to Port Orchard, WA. Except for a brief foray doing overpass construction, and a side gig of real estate, Phil spent the bulk of his career as a shipfitter at PSNS, Bremerton, WA and at Trident Refit Facility, Bangor, WA, retiring in 1994. Following retirement, Phil drove a parochial school bus for many years, from Kitsap County to Evergreen Lutheran High School in Des Moines, WA.

In addition to being a hard worker, Phil, like his mother, had the heart of a servant. His volunteer work included being a volunteer firefighter for district 7 for many years, umpiring Pee Wee little league games, and taking on numerous responsibilities at church across the years, while attending Mt. Olive Lutheran Church in Shelton, WA and Bethany Lutheran Church in Port Orchard, WA.

From reaching out to help a neighbor who had struck his gas main and was in a panic, to helping the elderly next door neighbor with her lawn care when he was near 80, whenever Phil saw someone in need, he promptly and graciously stepped in to help.

After serving in the Navy, Phil returned to Iowa, where he met and married his wife, Karen Marie, in August 1957, and quickly had his children, Pam, Kathy, and Alan. Phil was a kind and thoughtful husband, as well as father. Following Colossians 3:21, "Fathers, do not provoke your children, lest they become discouraged", he modeled patience, sweetness, and generosity with his children. Some favorite memories of him include the long-standing Friday night ritual of eating at A/W when mom was at work (he let us get the TEEN burger!), his giving $10 for a high school football game when asked for $5 (saying $5 was not enough!), and his infinite patience with his children and their predisposition toward breaking windows (camper windows, family room windows, etc...). He dearly loved his grandchildren and was gaga for the greats!

He is loved and will be missed, but his hope is in Christ and the resurrection.

Phil was preceded in death by his parents, siblings, and his wife, Karen Cunnington.

He is survived by his immediate family of daughter Pam Cunnington (Jay) Virnoche of Sagle, Idaho, daughter Kathy Cunnington of Port Orchard, Washington, and son Phillip Alan (Ann) Cunnington of Sequim, Washington.

His grandchildren include

Evan (Kaylie) Virnoche,
Kaitlin Virnoche (Kyle) Sjurset,
Eric (Mandy) Drake,
Stephanie Drake (Adam) Willey.

His great-grandchildren include

Olivia Jones, Hadley Jones, Freya Sjurset, Thorin Sjurset,
Noah Virnoche, Zoey Virnoche,
Dakota Drake, Peyton Drake,
Jocelyn Willey, and Bryce Willey.

A private family ceremony of interment will be held at Miller-Woodlawn Home and Memorial Park, Bremerton, Washington, with the date yet to be determined.
An online obituary can be found at: https://share.google/KHXpCZYhXzN08WgJj

That is the Meaning Behind the 13 Folds of the U.S. Flag?

The flag-folding ceremony represents the same religious principles on which the United States was originally founded.

1. The first fold of our flag is a symbol of life.
2. The second fold is a symbol of our belief in eternal life.
3. The third fold is made in honor and remembrance of the veteran departing our ranks, and who gave a portion of his or her life for the defense of our country to attain peace throughout the world.
4. The fourth fold represents our weaker nature; as American citizens trusting in God, it is Him we turn to in times of peace, as well as in times of war, for His divine guidance.
5. The fifth fold is a tribute to our country. In the words of Stephen Decatur, "Our country, in dealing with other countries, may she always be right, but it is still our country, right or wrong."
6. The sixth fold is for where our hearts lie. It is with our heart that we pledge allegiance to the flag of the United States of America, and to the republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.
7. The seventh fold is a tribute to our armed forces, for it is through the armed forces that we protect our country and our flag against all enemies, whether they be found within or without the boundaries of our republic.
8. The eighth fold is a tribute to the one who entered into the valley of the shadow of death, that we might see the light of day, and to honor our mother, for whom it flies on Mother's Day.
9. The ninth fold is a tribute to womanhood. It has been through their faith, love, loyalty and devotion that has molded the character of the men and women who have made this country great.
10. The 10th fold is a tribute to father, who has also given his sons and daughters for the defense of our country since he or she was first born.
11. The 11th fold represents the lower portion of the seal of King David and King Solomon and glorifies the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob.
12. The 12th fold represents an emblem of eternity and glorifies God the Father, the Son and Holy Ghost.
13. The 13th and last fold, when the flag is completely folded, the stars are uppermost, reminding us of our national motto, "In God We Trust."