## In Memoriam—Bill Pavone (1947-2023)





Wooden crosses & boxes that Bill made and gave away



Former member Bill Pavone died March 10, 2023. Bill was president of Pierce County Mustang Club in 2004 but he was involved in many other organizations. Below is from his <u>online obituary</u>.

"Bill is a member of Saint Frances Cabrini and is a Fourth Degree Knight. He also belonged to the American Legion, United States Coast Guard Chief Petty Officer Association Assoc., Pierce County Mustang Club, Brother's- in-Arms M.C., Volkswagen Club called "Church" and years ago he did ministry with "Destiny Riders" a National Christian Motorcycle, Assoc.

Bill had a very extensive career in the military serving four years in the Navy during Vietnam as a radar man bringing pilots back from their missions. Years later he went back and joined the Coast Guard Reserves and at 60 years old he retired with 23 years of service. During his service he was selected Enlisted Person of the Year (EPOY) in his unit and won the whole Pacific Coast area, then went on and was selected second runner up nationally. He retired as a Chief."

"Bill loved to restore cars and his latest was a 1969 Volkswagen. He built from scratch Henry Ford's 1896 Quadricycle that he road in many parades. Bill was always in the garage building something."

"Bill was very proficient at Karate and rode bicycle many years in the Seattle to Portland ride."

"Bill was known to many as "Brother Bill" he always looked for the good in people and loved making people smile. He loved making crosses and giving them out to complete strangers. Each wooden cross was unique and he gave thousands away. He made beautiful wooden boxes for all the ladies and was always available to repair things for people at no charge. For the church he built Father 2 beautiful wooden prayer stands plus repaired and upholstered all the old stands in the church. Bill loved to paint statues not only the ones in our yard but several for Father at church."

The club sends our thoughts and prayers to his friends and family.



