Roosevelt Class of 1964 -- 50 Year Reunion

In Memoriam

Most names on this list were provided by Reunions With Class based on information from family and classmates, with no guarantee of accuracy. The RHS ’64 reunion committee added text from obituaries, material available on the internet, and personal notes. (Punctuation is unchanged from the original obituary.) Although each summary appears to reference the correct Roosevelt classmate, there is the possibility that it is someone with a similar name and year of birth.


Thomas G. Allison (2012) Prominent Seattle attorney, Thomas G. Allison, died May 26, 2012 at Swedish Hospital from complications related to esophageal cancer. Allison, whose career included serving in several high government positions in Washington, DC, was a resident of Bainbridge Island and also had a home on Cypress Island where he was instrumental in conserving Cypress as a Natural Area Preserve. Born at Camp Shoemaker Naval Hospital, CA April 7, 1946, Allison received his B.A. from the University of Kansas in 1968 and a J.D. from the University of Washington, School of Law in 1972. Upon graduation from the School of Law, Mr. Allison was selected to serve a one-year clerkship on the staff of the U.S. Senate Committee on Commerce, chaired by Sen. Warren G. Magnuson. Mr. Allison was passionate about consumer protection and played a major staff role in the committee’s historic initiatives and passage of a series of strong consumer protection laws. In 1978 he was named general counsel to the powerful Senate Appropriations Committee. In 1979 he served as special counsel to newly elected Senator Bill Bradley (D-NJ). In 1980, he was nominated by President Jimmy Carter, and confirmed by the U.S. Senate as General Counsel, Department of Transportation. Upon leaving the Carter Administration in 1981, Mr. Allison became a partner in the Washington, D.C. office of Preston, Thorgrimson, Ellis & Holman. He subsequently moved to the firm’s Seattle office, where he represented the Port of Seattle, the Republic of Nauru, Burlington Northern Railroad, the Federal Railroad Administration in connection with the transfer of the Alaska Railroad to the State, among other clients. He retired from legal practice in 2006. His fascination with ‘all things that moved’ led to a legendary sailing voyage from Tahiti to Hawaii and countless cross-country rail adventures. He is survived by his wife, Kimberlee Brackett and her daughter Elizabeth, his father Dr. George H. Allison and wife Joan, sisters Janet Allison, Alice (David Parker) Boytz, Laura Boytz, brothers Tony (Nancy Fisher), Nick (Nancy Fox), Michael (Chie Iida); many beloved nieces and nephews; and former wife Sharon Nelson. He was preceded in death by his mother, Nancy Hart Allison. Published in The Seattle Times on May 31, 2012. [For more details, see http://www.legacy.com/obituaries/seattletimes/obituary.aspx?pid=157865235.]


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Robert Atkinson (2011) Rob died October 9, 2011 in Chico, California. Social Security Death Index. (Following is an article about Rob’s volunteer work with the Chico California library.) “Rob Atkinson is not alone. It's important to him that Chico library stays open, and functions as people expect. The library has already experienced reduced hours and staffing, and the future is still uncertain. But the idea of Chico without a library is not an option, because he says, a library is about more than books. "A library is the cultural center of any town," said Atkinson, 63 and co-chair of Chico Friends of the Library. He co-chairs the group with Rose Weston. "It's the logical place to go if you are visiting a town. With the economic situation, moms are bringing their children more often. It's cool in here, so some people come just for that. People who don't have PCs or don't have hookups at home, come here. We're dealing with the community and all its aspects." . . . Atkinson has had an eclectic career, and jobs include field biologist at a marine mammal laboratory in Alaska for six years, a commercial fisherman in Alaska for a decade, a ceramic artist, about 10 years as manager at Sierra Nevada Brewery, and a real estate agent. He is married to Karen Atkinson. Besides his volunteer work at the library, he is an organic farmer. "No matter how aggravated I might be, 10 minutes in the garden and life is a beach again," he said. He has just planted his winter vegetables, and later this month, he will take part in a writers' workshop. Of course, Atkinson is a reader. A favorite author is Angelo Pellegrini, author of "The Food Lover's Garden." He also is an avid reader of maritime history. "I've always been active. It's OK to have a tan, and not have a TV." Reporter Mary Nugent, writing in Chico.ER.com, August 8, 2009.


Linda Bender [This appears to be the Roosevelt graduate.] Linda Eileen Bender married in 1988 and died in 1993, in Seattle. Ancestry.com


Betty Brantner Johanna

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Linda Connaughton (1982)  [This appears to be the Roosevelt graduate.] Linda A. (Connaughton) Bare 36, of Mountlake Terrace, died Oct. 31. She is survived by her husband, Warren W. Bare and daughters, Renee, Andrea and Dianne. Findagrave.com

Gerene Cotton Bohannon (2007)  Born February 6, 1946 in Seattle to Karl and Medora "Toots" Cotton, died November 30, 2007 in Seattle after a courageous battle against ovarian cancer at age 61. Following her graduation from Roosevelt H.S. in 1964, she received a Bachelor’s Degree in Elementary Education and a Masters Degree in Special Education from the UW. She taught elementary and special education for the Lake Washington School District for 25 years, retiring in 1994 to accompany her husband to Coeur d’Alene, ID. Gerene participated in studies related to cancer, particular to women. She was a member of Gold Canyon United Methodist Church, Gold Canyon, AZ. Gerene loved playing the piano, bridge, golf, and participating in outdoor activities with her husband. Preceded in death by her parents, she is survived by her loving husband, Ralph "Bo" Bohannon of Wenatchee and stepsons, Mike (Nancy) and Terry "Bo" (Carlene) Bohannon; 5 grandchildren; sister, Karleen Cotton; niece, Denise (Steve) Boileau; nephew, Jon (Sandra) White and many nieces, nephews and cousins. Published in The Seattle Times from Dec. 16 to Dec. 17, 2007

Carl S. Dakan (2013)  Carl died September 15, 2013. Social Security Death Index. He attended the University of Washington, where he joined Alpha Delta Phi Fraternity. His father, Carl G. Dakan, was also a Roosevelt graduate.

Stan Davis (2014)  Stan Davis (legally named George Stanley Davis) passed away February 5, 2014 in Kirkland, WA of a heart attack at the age of 67. He was born on July 9, 1946 in Seattle, WA, to George and Elizabeth Mae Davis residing in Laurelhurst, Seattle. Stan graduated from Roosevelt High School in 1964. He proudly served as sergeant in the Marine Corp from 1966-1972. Stan was a life-long, 41 year worker with the Tradewell Stores, Prairie Markets and lastly QFC, up until his retirement in 2009. Stan is preceded by both parents, his brother Glenn Roger Davis and his sister Janis Carol Morgan. He is survived by his caring wife Rhose Davis, his loving daughter Michelle Lee Padilla, two grandchildren, 5 nephews and nieces and his youngest sister, Diane Davis-Litsey. We will all miss his sense of humor, cooking advice, and caring ways. Published in The Seattle Times on Feb. 16, 2014.

Bruce Douglas (2009)  [This appears to be the Roosevelt graduate.] Bruce Douglas, born December 2, 1945, died April 26, 2009 in Washington State. Social Security Death Index.

Kenneth Dyer


Bruce Fearing (2014)  Bruce Fearing lost his courageous battle with lung cancer on February 18th, 2014. He leaves behind his wife of 19 years, Cindy, his daughters Jennifer and Michelle (Nicholas), and two granddaughters, Katelyn and Carly. He also leaves behind his brother Rick (Val) and many nieces and nephews. Bruce and Cindy loved to play golf with their many friends, but most will remember Bruce for his love of bird hunting and black labs. Published in News Tribune (Tacoma) on Feb. 23, 2014. He is buried at Hollyrood Catholic Cemetery, Shoreline. Findagrave.com.

Gerald Field (1999)  [This appears to be the Roosevelt graduate.] Seattle resident Jerry J. Field, born March 7, 1945, died July 7, 1999. Social Security Death Index.

Kristine Filer  Her married name was Robertson and she lived in Graham, Washington. Obituary of her father, William Filer published in The Seattle Times on Nov. 22, 2006.


William Gardner (2008)  William Leon Gardner was born on July 20, 1946 and passed away amongst his family on March 2, 2008. He was survived by his wife of 32 years, Carol Gardner and daughters, Whitney, Courtney, and Brittney. He adored his five grandchildren and they adored their “Gramps.” He met Carol, in San Diego while she was on a date with another man and they survived an eventful 32 years together. Their marriage took them from San Diego to Chicago to Dallas to Atlanta and then eventually back to his family in Seattle. He instilled in his children values of family, hard work, education, morality, and charity. He will be missed but know that he is in a much better place. Flintoft’s Funeral Home, Issaquah.

Karl A. Giske (2012)  Karl Allen Giske of Seattle passed away on January 3, 2012. Karl was born to Lars Theodore (Lou) Giske and Doris Anderson Giske in Seattle on Christmas Eve, 1947. He is survived by his extended family and friends. He attended Roosevelt High School in Seattle and University of Puget Sound undergraduate and Law Schools, graduating with a law degree. He also studied international law and business at the Hague in the Netherlands. He joined his father in real estate and practiced many years as a real estate lawyer and broker in the Northeast Seattle area. At Karl's request, he has been cremated and his ashes will be strewn on the Stillaguamish river. Published in The Seattle Times on Feb. 19, 2012.

Richard Gollings (2004)  Richard H. Gollings, 57, of San Diego and Tijuana died April 15. He was born in Pittsburgh and was a missionary with the Baptist General Conference. He served in the Army during the Vietnam War. He was a member of the Mexican Baptist Convention. Survivors include his wife, Ruth Gollings; daughter, Sara Gollings; son, Eric Gollings; and brothers, Terry Spragg and Ernest Spragg. Published in U-T San Diego on Apr. 22, 2004. His wife, Ruth Gollings, continues to work as a missionary in Mexico. http://www.cbcturlock.org/ministries/missions-support/.

Kenneth Goodall (1981)  [This appears to be the Roosevelt graduate.]  Renton resident Kenneth Goodall born September 25, 1945, died June 1981. Social Security Death Index.

Suzanne Graves


Paul Hahne (2004)  [Excerpt is from the obituary for Paul's father, Carle Hahne.]  Carle is survived by one daughter, Roberta Marshall and husband Bill of Lynnwood; one son, Ross Hahne of Seattle; five grandchildren, Byron, Keith, Joann and Curtis Marshall and Todd Hahne; three great-grandchildren, Roni Jo and Chaz Thomas and Taylor Hahne; one sister, Alice Chalfe of North Bend. He was preceded in death by his wife Naomi Nov. 13, 1994, and by one son, Paul Hahne. Findagrave.com. Paul died the same year as his father, 2004. Social Security Death Index.  He is buried at Maple Leaf Cemetery, Oak Harbor. Findagrave.com.


Diana Henry Hovland (2002)  Di Henry Hovland lived most of her life in Laurelhurst. She attended Mimi’s Pre-School, Laurelhurst Elementary, Nathan Eckstein Middle School, and RHS. She went on to graduate from the University of Washington with a degree in Recreation Services. She started working for the Seattle Department of Recreation teaching swimming to special needs children, and retired after 30 years as the Senior Adult Coordinator. Di found strength in her loving family and is survived by her husband, Alan, and her two daughters Amy Dussault and Sarah Hovland. After a long struggle with cancer she passed on April 11, 2002 at her home in Laurelhurst. Notes from her husband, Alan Hovland, 2014.

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Roxanne Holwill Plichta (2011)  Roxanne Marjorie Holwill Plichta, 64, of Cobb County, GA, passed away on Tuesday, May 3, 2011. She was born on May 16, 1946 in Farmington, CT to the late Claude Newton Holwill and Martha W. Steinmetz. Mrs. Plichta was a loving mother, wife, sister, and friend. She is survived by her husband, the Honorable Roger Charles Plichta, her daughter, Andrea Irene Plichta, her son, Cortland Charles Holwill Plichta, her sister and brother-in-law Katoo and Roger Sherrard, and sister-in-law, Sharon Quigley. Mrs. Plichta was a licensed Physical Therapy Assistant, and worked closely with her husband at his law firm. Together, they had a passion for travel that took them to all parts of the world. She was a celebrated member of Cobb County organizations including the Rotary Club, Chattahoochee Plantation Women's Club and Kennesaw State University. Her kind, gracious heart and strong faith were living proof of God's love. The Marietta Daily Journal (mdjonline.com).

Caroline Howard


Joel Kavran (2006)  Joel H. Kavran, 61, born in Bremerton, WA, on Sep. 21, 1945, passed away in Helena on Oct. 25, 2006. He died after battling with Alzheimer's. He was a brave man and never lost an ounce of dignity. He graduated from Roosevelt High School in Seattle and served in the U.S. Army. He earned a bachelor's degree in criminal justice and was a dedicated law enforcement officer. He spent most of his life working as a revenue agent in Kennewick, WA, where he had many friends who were there for him when he needed them- even if he had a hard time asking. He was an avid reader, mostly The Bible, which he read before going to bed and upon waking every day. He had great style whether it be cars, films, food or literature. He loved Westerns, film noir, and other classic films. When asked to go to see a new movie, he'd always say, “They just don't make 'em like they used to." He would relax after work by putting on a jazz record that would have his whole attention for at least an hour. He was preceded in death by his parents, Pete and Ethel Kavran, and sister, Patricia Dixon. You were an amazing inspiration. Your sense of pride and morals is rarely seen. May you rest in peace. Obituary written by his daughter on Findagrave.com.


Social Security Death Index.

Sharon Krueger Manion (2005) Sharon Manion lived in Sultan, WA. Born Nov. 10, 1945, died peacefully Jan. 21, 2005 after an eight-year struggle with Alzheimer’s. Graduated from Roosevelt High School and worked for Northwest Airlines for 34 years, where she was loved by all. She was able to travel much of the world and Hawaii many times before settling down in retirement on the banks of Skykomish River in Sultan, WA. Proceeded in death by her daughter Jodi and brother George. Survived by her husband Bill, daughter Jennifer, sister Bonnie (Dave), brother Gary (Betty), brother Bob and mother Alma Krueger. No services please. Remember her as she once was. Published in The Seattle Times on Jan. 30, 2005

Barry Kruse (1999) Barry died in Nov. 1999. Social Security Death Index. He served in the Army, and is buried in Quillcene, Jefferson County. Findagrave.com. We found a profile of Barry’s mother in the Trinity Times, a newsletter for the Trinity United Methodist Church, Port Townsend, Washington, that mentions Barry. “Barry the older son, was employed at Tacoma Community House which was and still is owned by United Methodist Women of Tacoma. Barry was instrumental in helping to fund the new community house putting on dances and making financial contributions on a regular basis.”

Rosabel Landberg Semon (2008) Edmonds, Washington has lost one of its greatest fans! Longtime resident Rosabel Landberg Semon passed away unexpectedly on Saturday, July 26, 2008 from a brain aneurysm. She was a young 62. Rosabel was a student at The Helen Bush School for eleven years, but chose to finish her last year of high school at Roosevelt. She received her Bachelor’s Degree from The University of California Berkley and her Teaching Credential from Western Washington University. She was however “an Edmonds kind of girl”. Rosabel taught at Olympic Elementary School in Edmonds for several years. When she left teaching to become a realtor, she went to work at Windermere Real Estate Company in Edmonds. There she met the love of her life, her husband, Bill Semon, who preceded her in July 2007. They are together now. Rosabel was an active member in The Edmonds Historical Museum, where she served as president. She never tired of the beauty that is Edmonds. She will be greatly missed by all who knew and loved her. Rosabel leaves behind her mother, Sylvia Landberg, of Seattle, WA; her sister and brother-in-law, Marcy and Bayard DuBois, of Bellevue, WA; her niece and nephew, Brienne and Brenden DuBois; her stepmother, Ann Landberg and Frank Pizza, of Edmonds; and her adopted sister and family, Didgie, Michael and Teagan Blain-Rozgay, of Los Angeles, California. She also leaves many special members of the Semon Family, including her stepchildren, Stuart, Craig and Melinda. Rosabel was predeceased by Dr. Harry Landberg, her father, another longtime resident and lover of Edmonds. Published in The Herald (Everett) on Aug. 15, 2008


Judith Martinson [This appears to be the Roosevelt graduate.] Judith A. Martinson died May 25, 1965 in Seattle. Social Security Death Index.
Jeanne Meyers (2002)  [This appears to be the Roosevelt graduate.] Jeanne died in 2002. Washington Death Index.


Christina Newton

Kenneth Richard Nylin (2003)  Kenneth Richard Nylin was born October 8, 1946, in Seattle. He died June 10, 2003, at his home in White Salmon. He was 56. Mr. Nylin played oboe in the Seattle Symphony Orchestra as a youth. He enjoyed working with his father, a landscape architect. He served in the U.S. Army Engineering Corps during the Vietnam War. Mr. Nylin attended Washington State University, graduating with a Bachelor of Science in Agriculture Education. Mr. Nylin began teaching agriculture at Columbia High School in 1975. He taught metal shop, animal science, horticulture and forestry, and he was the FFA advisor for 26 years. For many years, Mr. Nylin could be seen around the community riding a John Deere tractor, either mowing or tilling, to raise funds for FFA. He gave much of his free time to tractor operations. He is remembered by his students as a man that gave what you needed. Mr. Nylin was a man you could count on. He never shirked a task and worked because he loved the sense of accomplishment in a job well done. This ethic he passed on to his students and staff. Mr. Nylin became vocational director in 2001. He was a visionary who led his staff into the future by understanding thoroughly the challenges ahead. He was a constant advocate for vocational education. He was well respected by the staff and students and will be missed greatly. Mr. Nylin enjoyed fishing, hunting and working on his land. He spent the last 20 years clearing land and developing a lovely home in Snowden. And he still had time to help his friends and neighbors when they needed a hand. Recently, Mr. Nylin had been yachting in the Puget Sound with his wife and mother. He was very enthusiastic about having the time to spend with them. He was a member of many organizations including: Washington Association of Agriculture Educators, Association of Career and Technical Education, NRA, White Salmon Steelheaders, Elks Lodge, and the Oddfellows. He was preceded in death by his father Frederick E. Nylin. He is survived by his mother, Betsy Nylin, Bremerton; wife, Nancy Nylin, White Salmon; brother, Phillip Nylin, Woodinville; sister, Kay Wardell, Coeur d'Alene, Idaho; daughter, Lisa Sirek, New York; and son Gary Nylin, White Salmon. Published in the White Salmon Enterprise, June 18, 2003.

John Peterson  Notes from Brent Pellegrini, September 2014. John Petersen died around 6 years ago. His parents died in the early 1950s and he was raised in Hawthorne Hills by his aunt. His grandfather went from Sweden to the Alaska Gold Rush and came down to Seattle around 1909 and bought a lot of downtown property. And that is what sustained the family all these years, mainly parking lots as I recall. John died unmarried and without a will and that is where I entered the picture. They called me, to identify and locate any family. It all went back to Norway and Sweden, 19th century. I don't recall the lawyer who hired me right now but I remember as he described John and his life to me; it suddenly dawned on me that he graduated with us. It was strange working on the estate of a peer.


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Robert Pruza (1992)  Robert died San Francisco in 1992. There is a lengthy essay on Robert’s life that can be found on the web by searching his name, or the “Social Networks and Archival Context Project” site. Excerpts follow: “A longtime photographer and photojournalist, Robert M. Pruza made a strong mark in San Francisco, both within and outside the city's gay world. Pruza's work was published in Drummer, Manifest, Sports Illustrated, and the San Francisco Examiner's Image magazine, as well as in Geoff Mains' book Urban Aboriginals and in the gay newspaper Bay Area Reporter. His accumulated images document much of the history of San Francisco and its gay life during the halcyon period of the 1970s and its darkest days during the 1980s. . . After graduating from Seattle's Roosevelt High School in 1964, Pruza almost immediately left for New York City, where he attended Columbia University on and off over a four year period. He also attended Sterling Jensen's Ecolé de Mime of New York for a time before traveling to Paris to train with the master himself, Etienne Decroux, at his Ecolé de Mime de Paris. He worked with several classes of students at the school, becoming Decroux's first assistant. He even taught mime to some of the great practitioners, among them: Bill Irwin, Geoff Hoyle, Leonard Pitt, and Bert Houle. He also studied diction with Decroux, and translated at least one of his books, Etienne Decroux Speaks with You (1968) before leaving for the United States in 1967. The intricate knowledge of movement and form he learned as a mime student deepened his visual sensibility, which also served him in his photographic art. While he was in Paris, he also trained with Wolfram Mehring at Vieux Colombier Atilier.”

Marilee Richardson Hawkins (2010)  Marilee Hawkins was born 1/17/46 and passed away on 10/9/10 in Lakewood WA. She was survived by her loving husband of 43 years Richard Hawkins, daughters Shelley and Annie Hawkins, grandson Jackson Riley Evans and numerous extended family members and friends. . . . She lost the battle with cancer; this had been a long fight since the first diagnoses of breast cancer over 6 years ago. Her last diagnoses was in July and it was so aggressive it was all throughout her body and she was suffering and is now finally pain free She died surrounded by family members at Franciscan Hospice House. Marilee was an amazing talent with a strikingly beautiful voice. She loved being in the church choir and is now singing in the Lords choir of angels. She was a church secretary and a medical credentialist. Marilee loved her husband and her girls with all her heart. In her later years what gave her the most joy was her grandson Jackson. They only had 7 months together and in that short time Jackson brought her tremendous joy and boy oh boy did he love his grandma!! Marilee was a wonderful mother and wife and an inspiration to many. She had unshakable faith in her spirituality. She had a sharp wit and loved to laugh and make others laugh. She had an amazing outlook on life and an uncanny way of knowing exactly what to say in almost any situation. She was someone you could count on to have the answers with such remarkable wisdom. She was an impeccably stylish, strong, beautiful and graceful woman. She will be greatly missed. edwardsmemorial.com.
Rich Richmire (2012)  Rich Richmire, age 65, died peacefully on April 7, 2012, after a short but courageous battle with cancer. Rich loved his family very much, leaving his wife Cornelia (Cornie) Talley, his stepdaughters Erin and SiQi Talley, his son Eric of Spokane, his daughter, Risa Feenstra (Peter) and his grandchildren Taylor and Max Feenstra of Blaine, WA, his brother Mick (Patty), of Portland, OR, and numerous nieces and nephews. Rich loved sports, especially Husky football, his dog Turner, his countless friends and coworkers. Rich was an inspiration to everyone who knew him. Paralyzed since his early twenties, Rich still lived life to the fullest – traveling, camping, coaching youth sports and Special Olympics, raising kids, and having a successful career. He will most be remembered for his wicked sense of humor. He always saw the positive, the good, and the joy in life. He retired from the City of Seattle in 2010 after more than 30 years and many senior level positions. He then moved to Bainbridge Island and became the Business Administrator for the Bainbridge Island Fire Department – a job he truly loved.

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Robert C. Schrader (2013)  Robert C. "Bob" Schrader born June 7, 1946 in Great Falls, MT passed on June 26, 2013 in his Bellevue home with his children and beloved cat Sofea by his side. Moving from Montana in the early 1950's, Bob lived in Seattle for most of his life. Growing up in Wedgwood, he graduated from Roosevelt High School. These years were filled with stories of fun with his brother Bill, going to Dick's Drive-In on 45th, and his pride having worked as a ride operator at the 1962 World's Fair. Bob had an infectious and engaging personality, making fast friends and a lasting impression on many in his life. His genuine interest in others made him an excellent salesperson. What appeared as an effortless professional ability and memory was really just his authentic appreciation for others shining through. In 1970, Bob began a successful career in the electronics industry with many firms long gone due to consolidation such as; Allied Electronics, Cramer Electronics, Marshall Industries, and Hamilton-Avnet. His experience and relationships culminated with the founding of Venture Electronics in 1983, and the subsequent merger to become VenCom Sales in 1998. After 40 years of service, Bob left the electronics industry to help his good friend build Mattress Depot USA. One of the first employees in the first store, Bob finally retired as a Regional Manager proud of his contribution helping the firm grow to 20 retail locations. Bob is survived and loved by many close friends and an extensive local family. Children; Tom Schrader (Katherine), Sarah Pollard (Rob Williams), and Alissa Rook (Jonathan). Grandchildren; Lacey, Jordan, Carson, Rachel, Kellen, Jack, Reid, Milo & Brody. Siblings; Judy Schrader (Peter Pearce), Carol Durbin
(Dan), and David Schrader (Jan), and sister-in-law Kathy Schrader. Nephews & Nieces; William, Scott, Kelsey, Kaity, Shannon, Jack, and Joseph. Bob is reunited with his parents, Clarence and Katherine, and younger brother Bill whose picture brought a catch to his voice every time. One could say that Bob never met a stranger, would give you the shirt off his back if you needed it and was a phenomenal listener and friend. Offering advice when asked, offering an ear when needed and even lending a shoulder to cry upon - "No questions asked". You could always find a trusted friend and advisor in him.


**Patricia Skahen (1980)** *This is appears to be the Roosevelt graduate.* Patricia Skahen, born March 6, 1945, died May 1980. *Social Security Death Index.*

**Ragnhild (Ronni) Skaugrud Thompson (2012)** Born in Hov, Norway July 25, 1946, Ronnie passed away unexpectedly December 2, 2012 in Hawaii where she and first husband and first love Chuck Thompson had recently reunited. She retired from Group Health after 25 years of dedicated service. She loved her cats and enjoyed traveling to Europe, Mexico, and Hawaii. Preceded in death by parents Ole and Clara Skaugrud, brother Per, and her beloved husband of 30 years, Homer. Survived by siblings Astri, Anne, Maya, Ingrid and Dennis, stepsons Marty and Todd. Ronnie was a kind and generous soul who will be missed by all of us who loved her. *Published in The Seattle Times on Mar. 3, 2013.*

**Rick Smith**


**Jeffrey Tedford (2006)** Jeffery was a loving husband, father, son, and the world's greatest grandpapa. Born July 23, 1946 in Portland, Oregon, he passed peacefully, surrounded by his loving family on June 6, 2006 in Sacramento, California. His death was due to complication from cancer. Jeffery will be deeply missed by his family: his wife of 37 years, Kathryn: daughter, Theresa (husband, Greg Rubinoff), son, Jason (wife, Tricia), and grandsons: Nathan, Joshua and Jacob. Other loving family members include his mother, Edra, his brothers, Joseph and Jonathan and his sister, Becky Clausen plus many Tedford and DePrez family members. *Published in The Seattle Times on June 11, 2006.*


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Donald Thornton (2011)  Don passed away unexpectedly in the early hours of Sunday, September 25, 2011. He was 65 years old. Don was born on November 1, 1945 in Seattle, WA. He attended Assumption Grade School, Eckstein Jr. High and graduated from Roosevelt High in 1964. Don joined the US Air Force in 1965 and served until 1969. Soon after, he followed a calling of his Catholic faith and became a Benedictine Brother at St. Martin's Abbey in Lacey, WA. In 1974 he left the Abbey and worked for U.P. Railroad for several years before entering the insurance industry, most recently working for Wells Fargo Insurance. He was a past Lions Club Member and former Lions Club President. Don leaves behind his mother, Julienne Broulette Thornton; brothers, James (Linda), Frank (Dawnelle), and Joseph (Ernestine) as well as numerous nieces, nephews, aunt and uncle Bob and Sue Sweeney, cousins, and many friends. Preceded in death by his father, Chester 'Bill' Thornton, and brothers, William and Patrick. Published in The Seattle Times from Sept. 29 to Oct. 2, 2011.

Linda Timmerman Jacobsen (2003)  Former Seattle resident Linda Ann Jacobsen, 56, died at her home in Anchorage, Alaska from breast cancer on Wednesday, May 21, 2003. Her family was with her. Linda was born in Seattle, Washington on October 3, 1946, and was a graduate of Roosevelt High School and Seattle University. Linda worked for many years as an elementary school teacher in the Seattle area. She came to Anchorage with her family in 1993 and worked as a substitute teacher in several Anchorage elementary schools. Her main interest was her family, and she was very proud and supportive of her children. She will be greatly missed by her family and many friends. Linda is survived by her husband Art, son Jeff, and daughter Maggie. Also her brother and sister-in-law Don and Glenna Timmerman, brother-in-law and sister-in-law Peter and Debbie Jacobsen, nephew Seth Timmerman, nieces Keri Timmerman, Kristen Johnson, and Megan Jacobsen. Published in The Seattle Times from May 29 to May 30, 2003.


Sharon Violante Brooks (2003)  Sharon Ann Brooks, 58, lost her 12 year battle with cancer on September 4th, 2003, with husband of 39 years, Wendell, by her side. She was a loving mother to Mike Brooks and Dena Thornton. Sharon adored her four grandchildren, Marshall, Kaylee, Kalani and Kendra. She will be missed by brother Jim Violante and sister Michele VanderVeer. Especially at the card table. Sharon's fun loving ways and sense of humor will be missed by many friends and family members. Published in The Seattle Times on Sept. 11, 2003 –

George West (2004)  George Milton West of Kirkland died September 18, 2004 while vacationing in Banff, Alberta. He was 58 years old. He was born August 20, 1946 in Seattle. He graduated from Roosevelt High School in 1964 and Central Washington University in 1970. He married Jill Ryan on July 13, 1968. For 34 years he worked in the packaging industry. He is remembered for his sincerity, humor, and gregarious personality. When George wasn't packaging the world, he and his yellow lab, Taffy, would escape to his beach house on Camano Island and partake in all the various seaside activities. In addition to his wife, survivors include his sons Matthew (and Shaney) of Seattle and Nicolas of Kirkland; daughter Kelcy Kriegel (and Jeff) of Bothell; brother David of Bellevue; sister-in-law Jan Champion of Seattle; and numerous nieces, nephews, and cousins. Published in The Seattle Times on Sept. 24, 2004.

Susan Wilkins Weed (2006)  Passed peacefully early Dec. 15 after battling cancer for 18 years. Her courage, humor and grace were an inspiration to all who knew her. Born in Seattle, Jan. 26, 1946, Susan graduated from Roosevelt HS. She graduated from the U of W with a major in Art History and a minor in Education. She is preceded in death by her parents and survived by her three children: Tyler, Darcy and Megan Duncan; by her sisters, Linda Bowen and Sharon Pape; and by cousins, nephews and a niece. Susan was an artist and philanthropist who lived for many years in Bozeman, MT and for the past three years in Trilogy of Redmond. She loved her family, travel, and life. She was a survivor, who inspired other breast cancer patients to never quit fighting, even to the end. Published in The Seattle Times on Dec. 28, 2006.


Barry Edward Wolf (2012)  Barry Edward Wolf passed away on September 19, 2012, at the age of 66. He was a graduate of the University of Washington and the University of Washington Law School, where he was Editor in Chief of the Law Review. He was well known and highly respected in the legal community of Washington State, where he practiced for over 40 years. He is survived by his wife, Joy Soriano; mother, Beatrice Wolf; son Jeffrey (Kate), grandsons, Jackson and Samuel; daughter Elisabeth; brother Bruce (Lorie), niece and nephew, Sarah and Jason; sister Lynne; and aunts, uncle and cousins. Published in The Seattle Times from Oct. 25, to Oct. 28, 2012.

Janet Young