



## Herb Gardner

May 10, 1946 - July 27, 2022

Herb Gardner peacefully passed into the grace of our Lord Wednesday, July 27th, 2022 with family by his side at home in Malaga. Herb fought through his brief acquaintance with Pancreatic cancer, continuing to volunteer for various local organizations until days before his death.

Herb was born in Wenatchee, WA May 10th, 1946. His parents were school teachers, serving many communities in North Central Washington. When Herb arrived at the Malaga Elementary School in 1958, he met Anne Courtney, and in 8th grade, began a relationship that never ended. Herb and Anne celebrated their 55th wedding anniversary in 2022. After graduating from Wenatchee High School, Herb and Anne earned degrees from Western Washington University. The young couple secured teaching jobs in Coulee Dam and purchased a house together shortly before being married. The bank labeled them as bachelor and spinster and added a rider mentioning their upcoming wedding on July 1st, 1967 to get the contract through approvals, both financial and moral. Herb taught in several schools from Maine to Guam before returning to Malaga, working as a substitute teacher and orchardist.

Herb began volunteering in the community, in the 1970's and 80's serving on and as Chair for the Tall Timber Camp board that culminated in the construction of the Herb Schultz Center and many weekends for the whole family in the forest along the White River with the large volunteer construction

crew.

The Gardner house had more bedrooms than people. Herb & Anne regularly opened their house to others. Exchange students were hosted from Japan (x3), Malaysia, Spain, Germany, and Tanzania. Performers from Up with People and once 10 members of a traveling high school band stayed and had large gatherings with their whole organization on the nicely shaded lawn. We hosted a Tanzanian family including 5 daughters for most of a school year, including winter in Wenatchee. That was both a massive climate shock as well as a logistical challenge to get that much winter clothing. Herb was always communicating and finding ways for needs to be met.

Herb served tirelessly, volunteering for Malaga and Chelan County causes that impact many people. Joining the Board of Malaga Domestic Water turned into a full-time job where Herb worked with teams of engineers, lawyers, government officials, and community members to secure more than \$3M in grants and low interest loans to increase the service area of safe water in Malaga as the area grew quickly. Herb's credentials operating domestic water systems led him to assist several districts survive state requirements in Chelan County. Herb served on the Link Advisory Board, the Chelan County Water Conservancy Board, the Malaga Colockum Community Council, the creation of the Malaga Park and plans for the Malaga Waterfront Park. Herb also was the Scoutmaster, spending many weekends camping and keeping boys safe (including a dramatic lifesaving rescue). In 1989 Herb led a Troop from North Central Washington to the National Jamboree in Virginia that included using his history degree to educate the boys on important sites in New York City, Philadelphia, and the other Washington.

Herb lived a vigorous life of service to others.

Herb is survived by his wife, Anne, son Mark (Cassandra), daughter Sarah

(Jonathan), grandchildren Katriana, Grant, Clara, Natasha, Callum, and Charlotte; sisters Genelle and Maribeth and brother Stan.

He is preceded in death by his parents Charles Herbert and Lee Stuart Gardner.

A Memorial Service will be held at 3pm, Wednesday August 3rd at the Sage Hills Church.

A private interment will precede at the Wenatchee Cemetery.

Memorials in Herb's name can be made to the Malaga Park, care of: Malaga-Colockum Community Council, P.O. Box 292, Malaga, WA 98828 or Serve Wenatchee, which provides a coordinated response from many churches and businesses in the Valley to maximize the effectiveness of charity; [www.ServeWenatchee.org](http://www.ServeWenatchee.org)

Herb would be honored most, by you getting involved with a local organization that needs volunteers to continue their good work.

Arrangements in the care of Chapel of the Valley, East Wenatchee.

# Tribute Wall

BB

“ Dear Anne and family,

*We were so saddened when we heard that Herb has died. He was the very first Malaga person we met, when we moved to Malaga. Friendly...so nice...so kind. And, a bit of a sense of humor, too. A very good man, the best of men. A blessing to have gotten to know him. And, get to know a bit of you, Anne.*

*We are so sorry for you loss.*

*Mike and Barb Barry*

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**Barbara Barry** - August 09, 2022 at 01:56 PM

SH

“ *I havent known herb for a long period of time. I recently joined the board of malaga water with herb and i am so grateful for the amount of time i got with him. He was such a sweet soul and i am thankful for everything he has done for the malaga community. Where i call home for my fiance kids and i now.*

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**STACI HUNTINGTON** - August 02, 2022 at 04:22 PM

GS

“ I was 2 grades behind Herb (Herbie in the early days at Malaga School) . His parents came to be teachers at our beloved Malaga School. Many community events happened there and I remember the young budding romance that lasted over 60 years for Anne and Herb. It is so refreshing to know that some relationships can be so solid and so committed. The Lord doth provide! He was an inspiration for community service and sincere volunteerism. May perpetual light shine upon him.  
gigi (gault) shaw-machtley

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**gigi shaw** - July 31, 2022 at 04:41 PM

SP

“ Although I am so sorry for the loss of Herb, I know he is still doing work with the Lord. His spirit will remain in the hearts of those who knew and loved him. I am proud he was a member of the class of 1963 because he helped make it so great. Anne and the family are in my thoughts and prayers.

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**Sharon Paine** - July 29, 2022 at 02:33 PM