



Roger A. Brantner

February 15, 1935 - July 2, 2021

Roger A. Brantner, 86, of East Wenatchee, died Friday, July 2nd, 2021. Arrangements made by Chapel of the Valley, East Wenatchee.

Roger Brantner, loving husband and father of three daughters, passed away at age 86, on July 2, 2021. Roger was born on February 15, 1935, in Browning, MO, and raised by his father and grandparents in the Methow Valley. He graduated from Twisp High School, in 1953, then attended Wenatchee Valley College, where he played football until he was drafted, in 1954. He married the love of his life, Carolle Renner, in 1956, with whom he would have three daughters: Kari, Kristy and Kelli. He then attended Eastern Washington State College, where he played football and received a teaching certificate. Later, he would go on to get a Masters Degree and Principal's Papers from Whitworth University.

Roger worked primarily for Eastmont School District as a history teacher, coach, counselor, and vice principal, until his retirement, in 1990. Waterville Schools then employed him as a counselor, until he and Carolle retired, in 1995. During his years as an educator, he had a profound effect on young people. He was dedicated to getting kids through high school, out of the back parking lot, and graduated. An activist for Title IX, he coached and mentored scores of students at Eastmont and in Winthrop. Roger was a Douglas County Fire Commissioner from 1984 to 2005.

After retirement, he and Carolle spent 20 plus years snowbirding in El Centro, CA. These years were full of friends and a growing family. Roger maintained deep friendships that lasted his lifetime, but it was his six grandchildren: Scott, Thomas, Hannah, Max, Jack, and Samantha, that brought him the most profound joy. When asked, his grandson said, "He is the man I admire most in the world, and the one I want to be like."

Roger had a huge heart. He was generous, kind, humorous, and humble. He was a larger-than-life presence that could command a room or scare wayward students with a look. He was an athlete and outdoorsman. He loved to read, watch college basketball, and be with friends and family. Roger adored his wife, Carolle, beyond measure.

He was preceded in death by his brother, Jack. He is survived by his wife, Carolle; three daughters: Kari, Kristy, and Kelli; son-in-law, Marty; six grandchildren; and nephews and nieces.

A casual Celebration of Life will be held on July 17, 2021, at 5:00 p.m., at Pybus Market, 3 N. Worthen St., Wenatchee, WA. Donations may be sent to the Eastmont Foundation, 800 Eastmont Ave., East Wenatchee, WA, 98802.


Tribute Wall

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“ *Roger A. Brantner*

Roy Allen - January 13, 2022 at 01:52 AM

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“ *My high school years were very memorable because of the impact Mr B had upon my life at that time. He was a great mentor, fabulous instructor and life coach. He constantly encouraged me to utilize my talents & mind to the best of my ability. Never one to mince words I can clearly hear him yelling, "SMITH!!! I KNOW it was You!!!" Eastmont High School was so lucky to have such a dedicated & honorable person to lead & guide young minds to study, investigate and question the whys & why not of life. Rest In Peace & love Mr B!!!* 

Jollette Smith - July 17, 2021 at 06:13 PM

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“ *Dear Coach Brantner's family;
I really enjoyed playing for Coach. He was a good influence on me and taught me more than just basketball. He gave lessons on teamwork, toughness and discipline, I carry with me all the time. I'm sorry to hear of your loss, but know that Coach had a big impact on a lot of people and left his legacy in the valley!*
Judy Spoelstra

Judy Spoelstra - July 08, 2021 at 10:40 PM

YW

“ I have some very fond memories of Roger. He was our counselor at Waterville when I was teaching there. He was such a warm, supportive man, with a keen sense of humor. It was a privilege to have known him. Please accept my deepest sympathies.
Yvonne Van Winkle

Yvonne Van Winkle - July 08, 2021 at 08:04 PM

DM

“ Our thoughts are with you Carol and your families at this time. Our memories of Roger will always be with us. RIP Roger

Don and Marilyn McRae - July 08, 2021 at 02:30 PM