



## Roger Pollock

June 26, 1941 - March 5, 2022

Roger Pollock, 80, of Wenatchee, passed away peacefully surrounded by family at Caring Cottage on Saturday, March 5, 2022.

Carl "Roger" Pollock was born to Carl and Arzell Pollock in Macomb, Illinois on June 26, 1941. In 1943, they moved to Spokane, Washington due to the war going on at that time. He grew up in the Spokane Valley and attended West Valley High School and graduated from Whitworth College in 1964. After graduation, Roger accepted a job with the State of Washington Department of Institutions Juvenile Rehabilitation at Spruce Canyon Youth Camp in Colville, as a youth counselor.

On February 6, 1965, he married the love-of-his-life Sandra Geer in Olympia. They continued to make their home in Colville where their first daughter Lisa was born. In April of 1967, they moved to Wenatchee so Roger could take a position as a Juvenile Parole Counselor for the State of Washington, which covered five counties in Eastern Washington. In 1968, their second daughter Renee was born, and in 1973 their third daughter Jill.

In April 1981, he was appointed as the Group Home Administrator for Canyon View Group Home in East Wenatchee where he retired in April 1997, having worked 34 years for the State of Washington. He worked for Davis Furniture for a short time and then went to work for Safeway.

In 2000, he was the Director-General for the Washington State Apple Blossom Festival having been affiliated with Apple Blossom since 1971 as a community volunteer. He was the pre-parade chairman working on the Grand Parade Committee, and in 1974, was appointed Youth Parade Chairman where he remained for 25 years. In 1983, he became the Grand Parade starter and in 1986 was awarded the Lehman Johnson Award.

He was a member and an ordained Elder of the First Presbyterian Church of Wenatchee. He was a member and the treasurer of both the Wenatchee Exchange Club and the Washington State Correction Association.

Roger was the Wenatchee High School Booster Club President from 1989-1991, a valiant Cancer survivor in 1992, awarded the Chamber of Commerce Volunteer of the Year "Spirit of Excellence Award" in 1993, and in 1999 the NCESD "Friends of Children Award." In 2018, he was awarded the "Spirit of Downtown Association" and was also known to some as the beloved "Downtown Santa Claus" for 20 years. Roger loved every minute and was absolutely in his element as Santa, using the magic of the holidays to bring smiles (and sometimes tears) to kids ages 2-days old, to teenagers, and adults.

His interests above all were his Lord and Savior, his beautiful family, and his beloved community. He enjoyed singing, family activities, time with his spouse, being the biggest fan of all 8 of his grandchildren, sports with friends, and golfing with friends and family. He thoroughly enjoyed his 80th birthday celebration last June and most recently celebrated his and Sandy's 57th wedding anniversary.

Roger is survived by his beloved wife Sandra of 57 years; sister Carol Gregory, Spokane; daughters Lisa (Brad) Bozett, Wenatchee; Renee (Jeff) Jaeger, Wenatchee; Jill (Brian) Thornton, Sumner, WA; grandchildren, Chase,

and Carly Bozett; Jared (Megan), Drew, Trent, & Blake Jaeger; Trey and Brooklyn Thornton; great-grandson, Calvin Jaeger; and numerous nephews, nieces, and special friends.

Roger is preceded in death by his parents.

Ultimately, our thankful hearts go out to our dear Miriam and her Caring Cottage team, who took such good care of our "Roger Roger" in his last few days; they will forever be a part of our family.

A Celebration of Life service will be held on Friday, March 18, 2022, at 2 pm at the Saddlerock Evangelical Presbyterian Church, 1400 S. Miller Wenatchee Memorials and donations can be given to Saddlerock Evangelical Presbyterian Church or to Our House, Cancer Care of NCW.

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

# Tribute Wall

KW

“ *Sandy, Lisa, Renee, Jill and family,*

*My love and condolences to you over the passing of Roger. What a wonderful man, friend and neighbor he was! Even though I haven't lived near you over these past years, whenever I visited, Roger had a wave and a smile for me, (if he and Sandy didn't come over to say, hi", that is).*

*May you be comforted to know that you have so many around for you, at this time to help with the sadness. I'm sorry that I won't be there to celebrate his life with you, but I will be there in spirit.*

*Big hugs from me to all of you. Until I see you all again, please take care.*

*Love, Karen Lee (Winter)*

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**Karen Winter** - March 18, 2022 at 04:18 PM

BB

“ *I joined Wenatchee Exchange Club in the mid-1980's. As a rather introverted person at the time, weekly meetings with strangers was challenging. I might not have endured, except for Roger Pollock, with his kind heart, who took me "under his wing" and made me feel welcome. I actively served the community for 35 years through Exchange. Roger made the difference.*

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**Brad Brisbane** - March 17, 2022 at 11:40 PM

RL

“ So sorry for the families loss. Roger is and always will be a positive influence for me. His smile and great attitude to all is infectious in a good way. He will live within all who were lucky enough to be related to him, know him well or a casual acquaintance. Best wishes to his family. Love the picture, it's him.  
Richard Lyons

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**Richard Lyons** - March 15, 2022 at 03:59 PM

CS

“ I will never forget Roger, such a wonderful person and an outstanding parent. He always had a smile and a kind word to say. He and Sandy are the kind of people who make differences in people lives, mine included. He will be missed by so many. Prayers and blessings to Sandy, Lisa, Renee and Jill. Godspeed Roger

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**Carol Honeysett Straight** - March 11, 2022 at 11:25 AM