



Stephen Alan Brady

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Wenatchee, WA

Stephen A. Brady died January 20, 2012, at Central Washington Hospital in Wenatchee, with his family at his side. He was born September 13, 1936, in Wabash, IN. He enjoyed his early childhood years and had many fond memories of childhood friends and family there. His family moved to Stevenson, WA in the Columbia Gorge in 1946, and he graduated from Stevenson High School in 1954. He excelled in track and football and, in 2009, was inducted into the Stevenson High School Hall of Fame, an accomplishment of which he was very proud. He remained good friends with his classmates from Stevenson High, organizing many reunions and keeping everyone connected. Steve graduated from Central Washington University with a BA in Education in 1962, after three years of service with the Army in Aerial Intelligence. On June 16, 1962, Steve married Sandi Shafer of Continental, OH in Stevenson at The Star of the Sea Catholic Church. He and Sandi moved to Elma, WA for his first teaching position and after two years, moved to Springfield, OR, where he taught for four years. Their first child, Michael H. Brady, was born in 1965. During the summer months, he attended the University of Oregon and graduated with a Master's Degree in Education in 1968. The family moved to Bainbridge Island in 1968, where Steve served

as a Principal with the Bainbridge Island School District. Steve and Sandi adopted their second son, Eric D. Brady, in 1969. Then, in 1970, they had a daughter, Karin K. Brady. The family moved to Vancouver, WA in 1972, where Steve worked as an elementary school Principal for four years, and moved to Wenatchee in 1976. Steve worked for the Wenatchee School District for 16 years, as a Principal at Columbia, Lincoln and Lewis and Clark Elementary Schools, until his retirement in 1992. Steve and Sandi traveled extensively during their retirement. They also began spending more and more time in Arizona during the winters and in 2000, bought a park model home in Yuma so they could have a permanent home to spend winters. Steve loved walking in the park there and cultivated many wonderful friendships. He will be missed as a warm and friendly neighbor and friend. Steve was known for his booming voice and the way he could command a room. He always had a story to tell and they got more elaborate as the years went by. He enjoyed researching family history. He also liked to write stories about his life experiences and the people who touched his life. Occasionally, he wrote articles of historical interest for the Skamania County Pioneer. He was a devoted and loving husband and father. He took great delight in his four grandchildren and was always stopping by for a quick visit. In the last couple years, he always had a 'Mo' story ready, as he and his youngest grandson had a special bond.

Steve was preceded in death by his parents, Kathryn and Donald Brady; his daughter, Christine Brady; and his son, Mike Brady. He is survived by his wife of almost 50 years, Sandi Brady of Wenatchee; his sister, Susie (Hugh) Impson of Stevenson; his sister, Lynn Brady of Stevenson; his brother, Dan (Jean) Brady of Olympia; his son, Eric Brady of Seattle; his daughter, Karin (Mike) Abbott and four grandchildren, Silas Abbott (13), Kate Abbott (10), Maria Abbott (9), and Moges Abbott (2), all of Wenatchee. He will be deeply missed by his wife, siblings, children, grandchildren, cousins, nieces, nephews, and so many wonderful friends.

Dad, I will always be proud to say I am your daughter. You lived life so well and your legacy will live on by the way you loved and invested your life in so many.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made through an account at Numerica Credit Union to go to the Wenatchee School District towards elementary education. A Memorial Service will be held in April. Arrangements by Telford's Chapel of the Valley, East Wenatchee.