



# Lawrence "Larry" Holden Humphrey

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**L**awrence (Larry) Holden Humphrey was born on June 2, 1934 in Fall River, MA and he died peacefully on April 19, 2014 in Tacoma, WA. Larry began his journey growing up on Nanaquaket Pond in Tiverton, RI. He attended St. George's Preparatory School in Newport, RI and he earned a BA degree from Colgate University in Hamilton, NY.

Larry married Natalie Flather from Providence, RI in 1957. Shortly afterward they started a family and had four children. After a long and successful career with Weyerhaeuser Company, Larry built Humphrey Lumber, a successful wholesale lumber company in Lakewood, WA. He served for many years on the board of the National Wholesale Lumbermen's Association.

Aside from family and friends, community was important to Larry. He served on many boards including The Red Cross, Annie Wright School, Pierce Transit, Community Healthcare, Northwest Commercial Bank and Lakewood Historical Society. Larry served for six years as a member of the original Lakewood City Council, and he was an active member of Little Church on the Prairie.

Larry loved to travel and he enjoyed many outings with family and friends backpacking and sailing in the PNW and relaxing in Borrego Springs, CA. Travels with Natalie were always an adventure and the two of them explored the world together during their 57-year marriage.

Larry had a winning smile and kind word for everyone he met and he loved meeting and learning about people and the world around him. Most of all he loved his family, especially his wife Natalie. A devoted husband and father, he leaves behind wife Natalie Humphrey, daughters Laurie Humphrey and Dede Powell (Pat), sons Lance Humphrey (Shaina) and John Humphrey. Larry's grandchildren are left with many happy memories of Grampa: Todd Clancy, Chase Clancy (Amy), Jay Clancy, Charlie Humphrey, Max Humphrey, Maddie Humphrey, Sebastian Humphrey, Alex Powell



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(Alison), Natalie Powell and Olivia Powell. Larry is survived by his two brothers Bill Humphrey (Marilyn) and Peter Humphrey (Marjorie), and many nieces and nephews.

In lieu of flowers, please consider a contribution to Northwest Parkinson's Foundation, Lewy Body Dementia Research, Community Healthcare or Little Church on the Prairie Endowment Fund.

Larry's family extends their thanks and gratitude to the staff of the Weatherly Inn where Larry received loving care the last year of his life.





## Events


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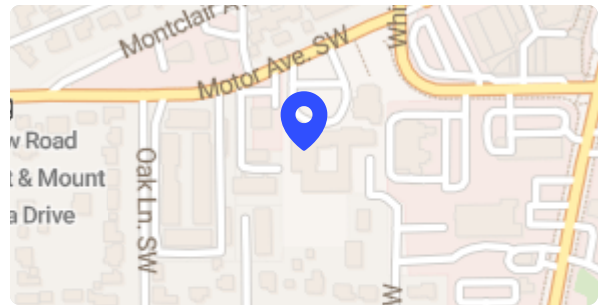
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### Memorial Service

 **Sunday**, May 25, 2014

 4:00 PM PT

 **Little Church on the Prairie**  
6310 Motor Ave. SW, LAKEWOOD WA 98499





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SH

**Sebastian Humphrey** posted:

With the few memories I have of Grandpa one of my favorites was when he saw anyone he always smiled and once he didn't see me and he was looking out the window of the weatherly and it was a rainy day and at that time he wasn't doing so well but he was still just smiling absorbing the beauty even when it was rainy and he was going through a hard time he just saw beauty.

May 19 at 11:28 AM

GK

**Gary Knight** posted:

Larry was always one of the best customers an sawmill could have. He was much more than an customer, a friend, advisor for products and a real team player. One of the best men I have had the pleasure to meet in the sometimes trying lumber business. One story has always stuck with me - a new car, a big dog, bank visit and torn up upholstery. Even with this devastation, Larry still had that great sence of humor. What an great husband, father, grandfather and community leader. Always looking for the better way for everyone. Was an priveledge to cros your path. Gary Knight

May 5 at 6:03 AM

SC

**Schoenleber** posted:

We remember Larry's dazzling smile. Even as life was being cruel he would be on the driving range at deAnza hitting buckets of balls or taking a golf lesson. You both had the right attitude while facing tough times. Please know that we're thinking of you Natalie and send our love and condolences. Shari & George

May 1 at 4:14 AM

RB

**Russell Bucklew** posted:

Larry and I shared our views on managing Weyerhaeuser as we car pooled to work a good many years ago. He was always positive and great to be with that hald hour or so. A fine man who led a productive and meaningful life. Happy to have known him. My condolences. Russ Bucklew

April 27 at 12:07 PM



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BF

**Bill Freeman** posted:

Hi Nat, My thoughts and prayers are with you all. And daughters Pam and Brooke share my sentiments. They still remember your family from Chappaqua. You know that boarding schools can be sometimes cruel places especially when you're new and my first memories of Larry are that he was always kind and welcoming to us new guys. And what a sly sense of humor had he! I miss him and regret that we could not see each more over the years. When you two didn't make it to our last reunion I didn't go either. I tried to reach you thru SG but the number and email seemed old so let me give you mine now. Email: [fwilliamfreeman@icloud.com](mailto:fwilliamfreeman@icloud.com) Cell Phone: 860-227-1122 No land line Address: 3 Stoneleigh Knoll, Old Lyme CT 06371. Let me know if you have a memorial service in Tiverton. All my love to you, Nat. Bill Freeman

April 27 at 3:59 AM

CH

**Colleen Henry** posted:

Larry was a very special man and served on the Lakewood Chamber Board of Directors while I was the executive director. He was a productive member of the board and contributed to the community in everything he did. I was happy to endorse his election to replace me on the city council when I moved to Winthrop. He and all the family will be in my prayers. Natalie I send my love to you, God Bless! Colleen Henry

April 25 at 2:48 AM

VS

**Valerie Schaler** April 26 at 2:06 AM

Natalie, I was so sorry to hear about your loss. Larry was such a wonderful and funny man. I remember cleaning your house on American Lake and he was funny. My prayers are with you and your family. Since I pretty much knew all of them. Send my love to the girls and boys. Valerie Schaler

AM

**Anne McNelly** April 25 at 12:43 PM

I met Larry while he was on the Board of Directors at Northwest Commercial Bank. Such a sweet, wonderful man always wearing a smile and having a good word to say about others. Natalie and family...we extend our condolences to you. Anne and George McNelly

JB

**Joan Brown** April 25 at 4:37 AM

The world has lost a truly dear man, a fabulous friend, warm, loving and considerate. He and Natalie always made everyone else feel extraordinarily special, when it was they who were. Natalie, you could not have been a more loving and patient caregiver. We give thanks for having such special friends in our lives and this world. Our thoughts, love and prayers remain with you and all the family at this difficult time, Joan and Don Brown



## **Memories only last if you share them**

Join us in honoring Lawrence "Larry" by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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