



Wayne Graham

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Wayne Eldon Graham (Wayno) 88, died peacefully on Wednesday May 11 2022, in Tacoma Washington after a well-lived life. Though Wayne joked that his longevity was fueled by hamburgers and popcorn balls, his endless creative pursuits and love for his family were his life force.

Born December 1 1933, Wayne was raised in Port Orchard, Washington where he grew friendships that lasted his lifetime. After graduating from High School, Wayne moved to Tacoma where he worked as a computer programmer for 35+ years and raised his three children with his first wife, JoAnn.

In 1985 Wayne was reconnected with Carol Jones, a former coworker from his early days at Ward Smith/Coast Mortgage. In 1986, they were married and enjoyed 35 happy years together. Their marriage was full of many laughs, smiles, fun and dinners at Harbor Lights Restaurant where he proposed.

Throughout his life, Wayne could be found in his basement garage rebuilding cars, woodworking or tinkering. His creations included countless refurbished convertibles, popcorn wagons, whirly-gigs, wooden toys for his grandchildren, practical items, and personalized bobbleheads featuring photos of loved ones and friends. He also continued his father's business of making and selling Graham fishing reels.

Wayne is remembered by his family and friends as someone quick to make you laugh or smile. He often created personalized cartoon series as birthday cards and for decades emailed daily jokes, poems or life updates to his friends and family.

Wayne is preceded in death by his son Mike and his brothers James, Don and Larry. Those who will miss Wayne most include his beloved wife Carol, children Richard (Katherine), Lori (Chris) and Carrie (Jarrod) along with his nine grandchildren and two great-grandchildren and his precious dog, Sweet Pea.



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Carol would like to thank all their family and friends for their support. A special thanks goes to their kind neighbors, Kevin and Melinda Ryan for all they have done for them in the past and present years and for Wayne's "smash burgers" every Friday night which sure brought a big smile to his face.

Family and friends are invited to remember Wayne on June 6th at 5:00pm. We will gather at his favorite pizza place, The Cloverleaf - 6430 6th Avenue, Tacoma, Wa.



Events

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Visitation

Monday, June 6, 2022

2:00 PM - 3:00 PM PT

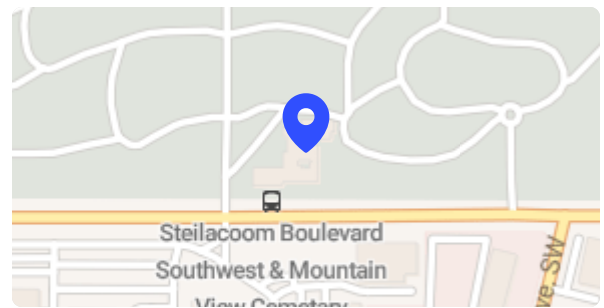
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4100 Steilacoom Blvd SW, Lakewood WA 98499

Graveside Service

Monday, June 6, 2022

3:30 PM PT

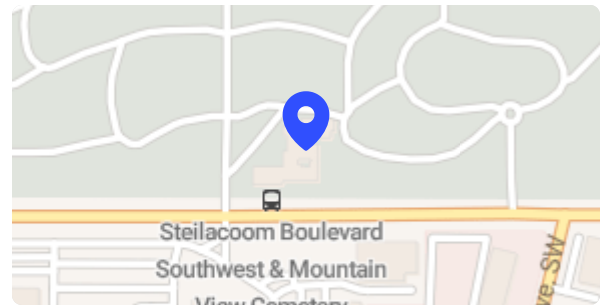
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Cemetery Details

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(253) 948-9895





Tribute Wall

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Anonymous sent an Arrive in Style to the Graham family.



June 5 at 6:45 PM



Julie Robak shared 2 photos to the **Tribute Wall** album.

I'm so lucky to be his granddaughter and have the BEST memories with him that I will cherish forever. Love you forever Grandad ❤️



June 5 at 2:45 PM



Lori shared a photo to the **Memories** album.



June 5 at 9:05 AM



Dale Kelly posted:

Beloved member of the 1951 South Kitsap Graduating Class. Always the "life of the party" at all our events. So missed!!!

June 2 at 1:24 PM



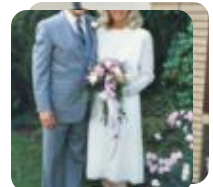
John And Karen Post sent an Enduring Grace to the Graham family.



June 2 at 12:44 PM



Carol D Graham shared 2 photos to the **Memories** album.



June 1 at 10:06 AM



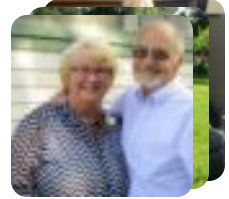
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Lori shared an album called **Memories**.



May 30 at 4:46 AM



Dan Koval posted:

Worked with Wayneo at Rainier Mortgage and remained a friend forever. Sad to hear of his passing. All the best to his family. We will miss him. Dan & Barb Koval

May 30 at 4:46 AM



Kathy Fleck May 30 at 9:08 AM

Carol so sorry for your loss. Will keep you in my prayers. Kathy & Jim Fleck



Media

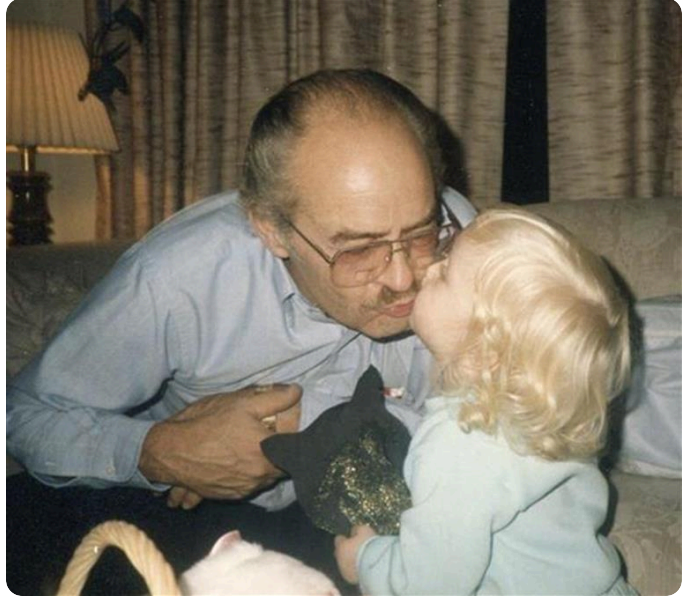
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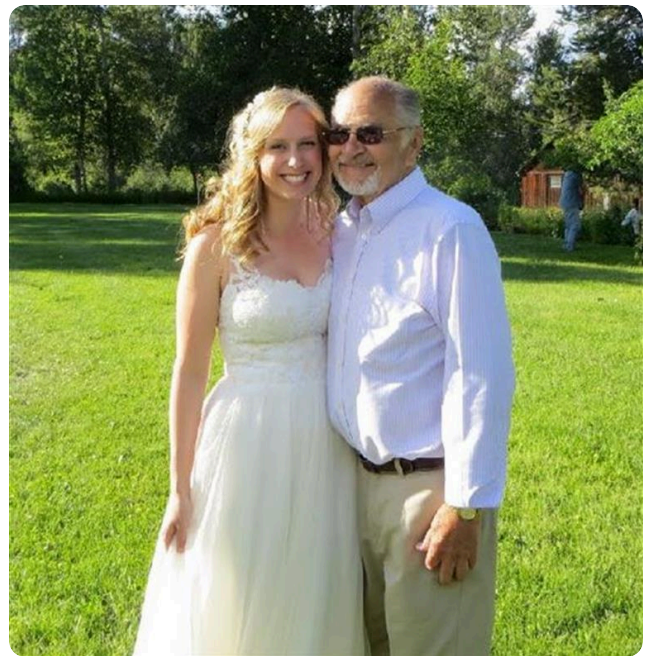
June 1 at 10:06 AM





Lori shared 3 photos to the **Memories** album.

May 31 at 4:27 PM





Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Wayne by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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