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**E**dward John Stoll was born to John and Marybe Stoll at home in Little Valley, NY on June 29, 1915. He died December 13, 2005. As a youngster he attended the Congregational Church, participated in the youth activities, joined the Boy Scout troop and sang in the choir. He graduated from Little Valley High School where he participated in the 4-H program and exhibited produce from his garden at the Cattaraugus County Fair. He was very proud of his garden and used the skills he learned throughout the rest of his life, as he always had both vegetable and flower gardens. At school he courted Evelyn Lloyd he continued the relationship while attending the University of Michigan. Ed graduated from the U of M in June 1938 with a degree in Transportation Engineering. He gained employment in the engineering department of the Chicago Milwaukee St. Paul and Pacific Railroad (The Milwaukee Road) and was continuously employed there for 47 years, retiring in 1985. Ed and Evelyn married on April 6, 1939 and began their 63-years of married life in Minneapolis, MN. The couple was transferred to Seattle, WA; Chicago, IL; Tacoma; and Spokane, WA. Their son, William John, was born in Seattle in 1940 and now lives in Olympia, WA where he has worked for the DOT for many years. In 1948 they returned to Chicago for a 31-year stay. Ed transferred from the engineering department to The Industrial and Real Estate Development department in 1945. In March 1966 he was elected VP of that department. In 1964 he enrolled in the Executive Program at the University of Chicago earning an MBA degree in June 1966. During his working career, Ed was active in the American Economic Development Council (AEDC) and served as president of the 1200 member organization in 1970. Ed and Evelyn were both very active in churches wherever they lived and he continued his love of music by singing in church choirs for more than 60 years. During their early years of marriage both were active in Sunday school as teachers and Ed as Church School Superintendent. He also served on many



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committees throughout his life. In Chicago the couple attended lyric Opera and theater performances. There they sang with the Apollo Chorus, a 200 member civic chorus, for over 25 years, and Ed served as president of that group for 5 years. After moving to Kent, WA in 1979 they attended Symphony and opera performances in Seattle and Tacoma as well as plays at The Fifth Avenue and Paramount Theaters. Ed's job required much travel throughout the continental United States. The couple also traveled extensively in Europe, Canada, Alaska, Scandinavia, the South Pacific and China/Burma. He was an avid photographer and stamp collector. You might have had trouble catching up with Ed as one of his most pleasant activities was sitting behind the wheel of his Buick and touring the entire USA. If you couldn't find him in the car, you might try a dude ranch in the Black Hills of SD or the mountains of Wyoming and Montana where he would be in the saddle of a spirited horse. Sometimes he chased off to the Olympic Peninsula and fished for steelhead in one of the beautiful rivers. Following retirement, the couple both became much involved in volunteer work volunteering at Valley Medical Center in Renton. After moving to Tacoma they continued at Tacoma General Hospital. His loving wife and companion, Evelyn, preceded Ed in death in December 2002. His son William and wife Carolyn of Olympia, granddaughter, Carmen Rives (Vell) grandson Scott (Kim) and two great grandchildren and numerous nieces and nephews survive him. He made and kept many friends throughout the country through business and social contacts and will be missed by them. A memorial service will be held at 10:00 a.m. Friday, December 16, 2005 at Skyline Presbyterian Church at 6301 Westgate Blvd., Tacoma, WA 98406. Memorials are suggested to the church or to The American Cancer Society.



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**Anonymous** posted:

Just learned of Ed's death. What a wonderful man and true professional. Met him while working for Union Pacific's real estate subsidiary. We worked together on the Kansas City Terminal properties. Learned a lot from him. He was a role model for all of us. We probably met in 1970. He remained a friend for over 30 years. Still remember his retirement party in Chicago. God bless Ed Stoll and his family.##imported-begin##Roger Zanarini##imported-end##

December 29 at 6:00 PM



**Anonymous** posted:

The Family of Ed Stoll,I apologize for not responding to Ed's passing earlier. I was just informed today. I want both Ed and Evelyn's family to know what a huge important impact they both made in our Valley Medical family. Ed was deeply involved in the Volunteer program, serving as both past President of our Board of Directors but he also was a long time Treasurer on our Board. Both he and Evelyn supported Valley Medical Center physically, financially, and emotionally for many, many years. Ed became a personal friend of mine though our constant contact. He supported me personally in my professional life here at Valley. When they moved to Tacoma there was a huge void in both mine and Valley's life. My deepest condolences to the family. I feel privileged to have known both of the Stoll'sSincerely,Royanne Weber, SupervisorVolunteer Services DepartmentValley Medical Center##imported-begin##Royanne Weber##imported-end##

December 18 at 6:00 PM



**Anonymous** posted:

I had the privilege of knowing Ed Stoll through the MRHA and a convention we put on in Fife, WA about 5 years ago. He was always a true gentleman and had offered to take me on a tour of the CMSP & P facilities he had put together in Kent. Sadly, I waited too long to take him up on his offer! It was an honor to know him.##imported-begin##Claus Mueller##imported-end##

December 18 at 6:00 PM



**Anonymous** posted:

Fond memories of many years of singing with Ed and Evelyn in the Apollo Chorus.##imported-begin##Harold Johnson##imported-end##

December 17 at 6:00 PM



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**Anonymous** posted:

So sorry to hear about Ed, Our thoughts and prayers are with you. Have been very good friends with Marybe for many years and have not been able to contact her in the last few months could someone let me know where she is and if I am able to contact her? It would be much appreciated, and again I am very sorry about your loss it is a great loss to us all.##imported-begin##Marilyn Cooke##imported-end##

December 16 at 6:00 PM



**Anonymous** posted:

I was honored to have been on the tour bus with Ed Stoll when the Milwaukee Road Historical Association (MRHA) held its annual meeting in Fife, Washington, a few years back. He gave a number of detailed accounts and amusing anecdotes about his work with the Milwaukee in the Puget Sound area. Another fount of historic knowledge is lost...##imported-begin##Doug Boze##imported-end##

December 15 at 6:00 PM



**Anonymous** posted:

Have known Ed for many years on the Milwaukee Road. He was a wonderful person.##imported-begin##Neva & Gail Meintzer##imported-end##

December 14 at 6:00 PM



**Anonymous** posted:

NULL##imported-begin##Bill and Carol Collins##imported-end##

December 14 at 6:00 PM



**Anonymous** posted:

I worked for the Northern Pacific and became acquainted with Ed as what might be called competitors. He was a fine gentleman and I considered him to be a true friend.##imported-begin##Richard D. Larson##imported-end##

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**Anonymous** posted:

Ed was one of the most positive people I had ever met. Even when you knew he wasn't feeling well, if you asked him he would say, "Just tops!" My husband Jack and I enjoyed his friendship and having dinner together almost every Sunday at Point Defiance Village. We will all miss him and his cheery, "You're sure lookin' good today," even though we knew it wasn't exactly true.##imported-begin##Vi##imported-end##

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**Anonymous** posted:

May you be at peace my friend. You will be greatly missed. When you said you were ready to go home, I knew peace was at hand. Thank you for your kindness, love and dedication, and safe journey. love to you. Darline##imported-begin##Darline Brasiel##imported-end##

December 14 at 6:00 PM



**Anonymous** posted:

I met Ed at Point Defiance Village where my mother, Vi Thompson, resides, my father having died this past summer. I was very fond of Ed. He was an interesting dinner companion and I looked forward to sharing meals with him while visiting mom. I was so sorry to hear of his passing. He survived so many health issues...I just thought he'd keep on going! I will miss him. My condolences to his family. Sincerely, Janet Halvorson##imported-begin##Janet Halvorson##imported-end##

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**Anonymous** posted:

When I vision Ed in my mind, it is with a huge smile and with a cheerful greeting, "Good Morning, Beautiful Day isnt it" (No matter what the weather!) No wonder he was wisely placed at the front information desk at Tacoma General Hospital for over 5 years that I worked with him. I Love you Ed! I Loved Evelyn also, I am glad you are both together again. You made a strong impression on my heart and I will treasure that forever, what an honor to have known you. Bless YOU##imported-begin##Dayna Brown##imported-end##

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**Anonymous** posted:

Ed was a great gentleman and a pleasure to work with. I had the privilege of having him as my boss and friend from 1958 to his reirement. Have kept in touch with him through the years and traded newsletters from time to time.##imported-begin##E. G Tyckoson & Marilyn##imported-end##

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