



Edward L. Pariseau

December 2, 1930 - April 27, 2015

Edward Lyle Pariseau, 84, died April 27, 2015, at Central Washington Hospital surrounded by his family.

Ed was born in Fargo, North Dakota on December 2, 1930, the first of five children born to John Elmer Pariseau and Katherine Yocum Pariseau.

The family moved repeatedly during Ed's youth: Fargo, Minot, Des Moines, Washington D.C., Prineville, Brewster and Kittitas. In Kittitas Ed met Venna Eve (Evie) Farnham, and they were married on September 15, 1951. During Ed's single year in Brewster – his sophomore year – he met Danny Gebbers, who became his hunting and fishing buddy, and, later, business partner,

and life-long friend.

Prior to his senior year at Kittitas High School, his parent's divorce found the Pariseau children essentially abandoned, and they were taken in by Emily Sorenson, who was raising a large family of her own. Ed supported himself through his senior year, and after a winter of hauling hay over Snoqualmie Pass in a semi-truck which gave a choice between using the headlights or the heater – but not both at the same time - wandered into the admissions office at Central Washington College of Education for information and emerged an enrolled student. Ed and Evie's first child, Marianne, was born in Ellensburg. After receiving his degree in Education at Central, Ed and Evie both were hired by the Tonasket School District in 1953, where Ed taught Math and Physics until 1971, when they moved to Brewster to farm full time. Ed coached

basketball and baseball in Tonasket, taking two basketball teams to the State A tournament in 1967 and 1969. Their second child, Dan, was born there in 1954.

Taking a hiatus from teaching in Tonasket, Ed earned a National Science Foundation scholarship for his Master's Degree, and he attended Notre Dame and Oregon State College, where he earned his M.S. in General Science in 1957.

Their third child, John, was born in Corvallis.

In 1958 Ed and Evie bought 20 acres from John and Martha Gebbers on Brewster Flat and planted their first apple orchard. For many years, Ed would teach during the day, then drive to Brewster to work till dark, then drive the 60 miles back to Tonasket.

Ed and Evie didn't really stop planting until 2014, when Ed's health forced his retirement.

Along the way, he and Danny Gebbers planted a partnership

orchard, P&G Orchards
– heavily skewed to Granny
Smith – as well as eventually
constructing downstream
storage, packing and sales
entities, together known as
Brewster Heights Packing,
Inc. (with key partners Richard
and Harris Thomason).

Ed served on the boards of
the Washington State Apple
Commission, the Northwest
Horticulture Council, and was
a founding board member
of North Cascades National
Bank.

As one would expect of a
man who was born during the
dark days of the Depression
and abandoned at a young
age, there was more than the
usual amount of steel in Ed
Pariseau. However that just
was cosmetic cover for his true
nature: he was really just a big
teddy bear of love. He loved
Evie. He loved his brothers,
John and Bill. He loved his
children, Marianne, Dan, and
John. He loved his grandchildren,
Cass, Eddie, Nicole, Reagan,

Danika, Grace, Danny,
Joe, Johnny, Annie, and Marie.
He loved to farm. He loved to
“put apples in boxes”. He loved
the key employees who helped
grow his business, such as
Gumesindo Churape, Al
Cardenas, Isabel Fernandez,
and George Wessling (and
many, many others). He loved
basketball. He loved Tonasket
and the Tonasket Tigers and
teaching math and physics. He
loved Brewster. He loved the
United States of America and
its freedom. He loved to fly,
especially in helicopters. He
loved to hunt and fish – from
epic arctic sheep hunting
adventures with Danny Gebbers,
to trying to bag the big
mule deer on Bearcat Ridge
with Danny, Mac, and Dan.
He loved music and good food
– especially steak, and the fare
at Jim and Louise Swickard’s
Café Bienville during its short
but sweet run in Methow. He
loved watching his brother
John play basketball and
baseball at the University of

Washington during the 1950s; he loved watching his son John play basketball for Puget Sound during the 80s, and he especially loved watching grandchildren Danny and Reagan play basketball at Santa Clara and Arizona State respectively. He loved attending various other activities of his children and grandchildren – AAU and high school ball games, dance recitals, graduations, weddings, baptisms – the entire gamut of family life. He was determined to give his children and grandchildren a better upbringing than he experienced and in that most important endeavor he succeeded fabulously.

Ed will be sorely missed by his family and friends: most acutely missed will be his active, restless, innovative, and creative intellect and his big, beating, awesome, loving heart.

Preceding him in death were his parents. He is survived by

his loving wife of 63 years,
Evie, his children: Marianne
(Russ) LeSage and their children,
Cascade (Rachel Ferris)
and Eddie; Dan and Candi
(Bates) Pariseau and their
children, Nicole (Matt) Crevier,
Reagan, Danika, and Grace;
John and Cathy (Gibbons)
Pariseau and their children,
Danny, Joe, Johnny (Ashley
Fox), Annie and Marie.

Services will be held in
Brewster on June 20, 2015.

Time and place to be announced
at a later time, please
check our website.

Please feel free to leave
your thoughts and memories
for the family at www.barneschapel.com. Services are
entrusted to Barnes Chapel
of Brewster

Remembrances may be
made to the Wounded Warrior
Project, PO Box 758517,
Topeka, KS 66675

Previous Events

Service

JUN **20**. 11:00 AM (PT)

Sacred Heart Catholic Church
214 S. 5th Street
Brewster, WA

Tribute Wall



“ *Edward L. Pariseau*

January 29, 2023 at 08:49 AM



“ *Scott And Shari Simpson lit a candle in
memory of Edward L. Pariseau*



Scott and Shari Simpson - April 29, 2015 at 08:14 PM