



## Howard Picard

October 18, 1925 - April 21, 2022

On Thursday, the 22nd of April at home on the Bridgeport Bar, between Brewster and Bridgeport Howard passed from this life to wherein his life already was, hidden with God in Christ. His death was as peaceful as one could hope for it to come, with his sons 'round about him in convivial conversation and reminiscence, Scriptures read and prayer, and even a chapter read from Farmer Boy, a classroom scene.

He was born in Omak, Washington, on October 18, 1925 on a Sunday to parents, Stanley Edgar (LaCourse) Picard and Agnes Genevieve (Potvin) Picard. Already born into the family were sister Delores and brother Richard, Howard being followed by brother Donald and sister Beverly ("Bebidy"). All his family predeceased him. In 1929 the family moved to Tahollah from necessity, returning to Omak in 1932. He entered first grade in Tahollah in 1931 being the first in his class to be able to count to one hundred. Also while there, aged 4 or 5, he was misled by another boy to ship out across the little harbor in a dinghy only to be swept to sea by the Quinault River. Out there for hours they were finally rescued by his father, the only one brave enough to attempt the rescue.

Upon returning to Omak/Okanogan area he was entered into the second grade at the Virginia Grainger School for a few months and thence to East

Omak Elementary, and the Stevens School. He graduated from Omak High School in 1943 aged 17. That summer in August he enlisted in the U.S. Navy Air Force training at Farragut, Idaho. He then went to gunnery and radio school in Florida checking out as a rear gunner in an SBD Dauntless Dive-Bomber. Eventually he shipped out for Hawaii and the Pacific Theater where he was an aircrew member in a Martin Mariner, flying combat missions on anti-submarine patrol at the end of the Philippines invasion and after the war flying mail service from Shanghai to Hong Kong. Honorably discharged from the Navy the fall of 1946 he enrolled in January, 1947 in classes at Eastern Washington College of Education. There he matriculated with friends from Omak and Brewster including Rodger Webster, Bill Palmer and Howard Gamble. He completed student teaching during the winter of 1949-50 at the Virginia Grainger School.

Howard batched with various buddies and his brother Donald in Omak while working at Biles Coleman tailing a saw and playing baseball with Omak's town team winning the County Championship in 1952. With encouragement from Webster and Palmer, he went down to Brewster to teach and coach in the fall of 1952. There, while, working as a laborer on Chief Joseph Dam in the summer of 1953, he played third base with Brewster's town team and they won the Okanogan County Championship. Danny Gebbers of Brewster later remarked that baseball abilities were professional quality.

That same summer of 1953, his wife to be was widowed with three children: Jack (deceased 1983), Ron, and Darrell Hauswirth. In 1954 he met Cora Evelyn "Toots" (Lull) Hauswirth requesting her as "room mother" to his sixth grade class which class Jack was entering. Ronnie as a first grader played match-maker. They were married at the house on the Bridgeport Bar on August 28, 1955 with Pastor Ray Glessner officiating. He has lived there since

that day. Their son, Howie was born in October of 1958.

In 1958 he began teaching seventh grade and then in 1968 began as the first School Counselor at Brewster School retiring in 1985. While counselor he also taught one period of either eighth grade English or an elementary P.E. class. He also coached high school baseball as head, assistant in football and basketball. He also then refereed football and basket ball throughout the 1960s.

Every day, Evelyn sent him to his work well fed and in a clean white shirt and tie. He and the entire family played golf at Lake Woods Golf Course where in 1973 and 1977 he and "Toots" managed the course from tees to greens, fairway to clubhouse and truly advanced its posture as a family golf course. He had at least 4 holes-in-one and 1 or 2 Club Championships to boast. Mainly, he and Evelyn raised a family at home, in church and on the golf course and baseball diamond with great effort and faithfulness. Quoted in QCH June 27, 1985, "Being married to the person I was married to was a fortunate thing. She has really taken care of all the needs." He faithfully provided all for that to happen; his bedrock faith in Christ foundational to all.

Services will be at Barnes Chapel in Brewster at 11 a.m. on April 29, 2022 and interment at Bridgeport Cemetery.

# Cemetery Details

## Bridgeport Cemetery

15th ST & Fisk Ave  
Bridgeport, WA

# Previous Events

## Visitation

APR **28**. 3:00 PM - 7:00 PM (PT)

Barnes Chapel  
510 W. Indian Avenue  
PO Box 306  
Brewster, WA 98812  
(509) 689-3494  
mike@prechtrose.com

## Service

APR **29**. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (PT)

Barnes Chapel  
510 W. Indian Avenue  
PO Box 306  
Brewster, WA 98812  
(509) 689-3494  
mike@prechtrose.com

## Graveside Service

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APR 29. 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM (PT)

Bridgeport Cemetery  
15th ST & Fisk Ave  
Bridgeport, WA

# Tribute Wall



“ *Precht Rose Chapel and Barnes Chapel created a Tribute Video in memory of Howard Picard*



Precht Rose Chapel and Barnes Chapel - April 28, 2022 at 04:31 PM

KB

*Thank You for sharing Mr. Picard with us, his life in photos....what a amazing man.*

Kay Benson - May 01, 2022 at 02:16 AM



“ *Howard Picard*

January 29, 2023 at 08:49 AM

SL

“ *Mr. Picard: Thank you for serving us well. I, for one, feel blessed that you were part of my upbringing. God bless your memory.*

Steve Long - April 26, 2022 at 10:42 PM

GA

“ *I had Mr. Picard in 7th grade. We did IQ tests that year and I remember him and another teacher saying I was so smart and needed to apply myself. It turned out I scored high on the test but also needed glasses. So funny in retrospect.*

Gwenith Elwell Acor - April 26, 2022 at 02:13 PM

BS

“ TO THE FAMILY OF HOWARD PICARD  
MY NAME IS BOB STROUP AND I HAD THE HONOR OF  
SPENDING MY FIRST FOUR YEARS OF TEACHING WITH  
TRUELY A GREAT PERSON AND A WONDERFUL FAMILY.  
HOWARD AND EVELYN PICARD WHO TOOK ME IN AS IF I WAS  
ONE OF THERE OWN. I CAN UNDERSTAND WHY HOWARD  
ALWAYS WENT TO SCHOOL HUNGRY BECAUSE EVELYN WAS  
A FANTASTIC COOK FROM MY PERSONAL EXPERIENCE AS II  
GOT TO SPEND MANY A MEAL AROUND THE DINNER TABLE  
ENJOYING THE FAMILY AND LISTENING TO SOME OF  
HOWARD'S GREAT STORIES ABOUT GROWING UP AND  
TALKING ABOUT HIS FRIENDS IN BREWSTER.

ROD WEBSTER, HOWARD GAMBLE, DANNY GEBBERS AND  
ROY WESTERDAHL AND COUNTLESS OTHERS IN THE  
COMMUNITY WERE VERY SPECIAL PEOPLE AND WERE ALSO  
SOME OF THE MENTORS IN MY LIFE OF 38 YEARS IN THE  
FIELD OF EDUCATION. FOR A YOUNG KID JUST OUT OF  
COLLEGE I COULD NOT HAVE ASKED FOR MORE THAN  
THOSE LEARNING MOMENTS ABOUT LIFE.

I AM SURE THAT GOD HAS A VERY SPECIAL PLACE IN  
HEAVEN FOR HOWARD AND I KNOW THAT SOMETIME IN THE  
NEAR FUTURE WE WILL ALL SIT TOGETHER AGAIN AND  
EVELYN WILL MAKE SURE WE ARE WELL FED TALKING  
ABOUT OUR SHORT LIFE TOGETHER.

TO THE FAMILY AND CLOSE FRIENDS THANK YOU FOR  
SHARING HOWARD WITH US BECAUSE HE WAS A VERY  
SPECIAL PERSON IN OUR LIVES.

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**BOB STROUP** - April 26, 2022 at 10:47 AM

RV

*Thank you - Bob and Howard for coaching me in some best games for Brewster. Enjoyed the encouragement from coach Howard every time. RIP to a great man, may you rest in peace and condolences to the family.*

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**Ron Valdez** - April 26, 2022 at 03:09 PM

JC

*Appreciated Howard's mentorship in school counseling and guidance. I worked as Bridgeport's first HS Counselor in the late 70's. He took phone calls and met with me, patiently explaining the counseling role in a small school district and encouraged me as a "newbie" in the profession. Thank you Howard, your words meant a lot to me at the time. John Charap, East Wenatchee*

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**John Charap** - April 26, 2022 at 06:58 PM

JG

*We were classmates back in the day. Our deepest condolences to the family.*

*Claire Jean (Dunlap) Grimm  
Wilma Dykes*

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**Jean Grimm** - April 29, 2022 at 06:11 AM