



Lanny Edward Armbruster

November 19, 1949 - November 7, 2018

Lanny Edward Armbruster was born in Wenatchee, Washington, on November 19, 1949, to Ed and Pat (McLallen) Armbruster. On November 7, 2018, he peacefully passed into eternity from his home in Manson.

Lanny grew up in Manson enjoying what Lake Chelan and the surrounding mountains had to offer, especially trips with family and friends to the cabin in Stehekin with infamous rides in Grampa Jim's yellow jeep. After graduation from Manson High School, he attended Eastern Washington University and Central Washington University, spending summers working for the Forest Service. He later went to McGrath, Alaska to work as an Air Tactical Group Supervisor for the Department of Natural Resources Helitack Fire Suppression crew. After returning to Manson, he managed the family orchard following his father's death in 1990. Lanny was the first manager of the Manson Parks Department, working there for 25 years until his retirement. He was active on several board of directors and enjoyed community service throughout his life. He especially enjoyed his time spent as a reading volunteer at Manson Elementary, mentoring many young people, his morning coffee group and discussions at Bible studies.

Lanny is survived by his mother Pat Armbruster, sisters Vicki Peebles (Herold) and Karen Jeffries (Marv), and brothers Todd Armbruster and Tony Armbruster, and many nieces, nephews, grandnieces, grandnephews, and many close friends who were always there for him.

In lieu of flowers, the family has requested that donations be made to the Student Sunshine Fund at the Manson School District Office.

A Celebration of Life will be held at the North Shore Bible Church, 123 Wapato Point Parkway, Manson, Washington, on November 19, 2018, at 11:00 a.m. Earlier, at 9:30 a.m., interment will be for family only at Fraternal Cemetery, Chelan.

Previous Events

Service

NOV **19**. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (PT)

North Shore Bible Church
123 Wapato Point Parkway
Manson, WA 98831
(509) 687-3636

Tribute Wall



“ *Lanny Edward Armbruster*

January 29, 2023 at 08:49 AM

“ Dear all "Armbruster Family",

I was sorry to learn, just yesterday, of Lanny's passing and that I missed his service. I was in Chelan yesterday around 3:00 and then, checking later, saw his service was at 11:00. I had only a few chance meetings with Lanny since 1987; the most recent, I called him from a Manson basketball game a couple seasons ago to see how he was doing.

Memory fades in the 47 years since 1971. Transportation to my first forest fire was via Hughs 500 (doors off, I think?) with Marvin Jeffries, departing from the CCC camp at 25 mile, up the South shore and across lake to the Big Goat fire (I think, too, Marv?). That evening in the Pateros crew tent, I watched our crew boss, shirtless, with a reddish "coat" of hair, wrestle and pin a couple of my smart aleck crew members to the floor. It much resembled a Grizzly attack; the chaos, the shimmering coat, the screams; after which Lanny became affectionately known as, "Golden Bear"; at least, to us.

In 1975, just after Thanksgiving, Lanny & I embarked on a 2-week, cross country journey in his little orange Datsun pickup. Leaving Trail, B.C., we drove for 18 hours across Canada to camp in the snow by the shores of Lake Superior, then made our way to your relatives in New Hampshire, I believe. From there we headed South to historic sites, Concord Bridge, Walden Pond, to Provincetown, Mass. on the tip of the peninsula and back through for lobster in Hyannis Port. On quickly through New York, we spent a cold night at Valley Forge, PA. We headed on down to Washington, D.C. to the Capitol and met Bill First in Tom Foley's office, visited the Supreme Court, the Smithsonian, top of the Washington Monument, Arlington Cemetery, the Changing of the Guard at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier and many other sites.

We then left West for home, visited the Amana Colonies and encountered an epic Iowa blizzard, stranding us for 2 days in the Sioux Falls Holiday Inn. We camped like cowboys under a Wyoming sky and ate avocados & Miracle Whip on "the half shell" for dinner (Lanny taught me that), and eventually back home.

Our life stories are made up of countless memories--that was a

short brief of a couple of mine with Lanny. May God bless Lanny and all of you.

*Rich Burgett
Brewster*

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Rich Burgett - November 20, 2018 at 06:39 PM

JH

“ *Janice L Holdreith lit a candle in memory of Lanny Edward Armbruster*



Janice L Holdreith - November 19, 2018 at 11:14 PM

BG

“ *Lanny was a very sweet man and extremely generous. In my last interaction with him in August, he gave me one of the most beautifully wrapped gift I have ever received. It was very unexpected.*

He will be missed by myself and my family.

Barbara Guzman - November 15, 2018 at 01:28 PM

DM

“ *Thank lanny for everything you have done for me and my family. Thank you for taking us in as your own. You will be greatly missed and forever in our hearts.*

Dianera montes - November 11, 2018 at 11:41 PM

OF

“ Roger and I are so sorry to hear of your loss. I'm glad we got to spend some time with Lanny at our 50th class reunion in May. He was always lots of fun and will be missed.

R&K Fuson

Ophelia Kay Fuson - November 09, 2018 at 12:13 PM