



## Paul R. Meyer

June 23, 1936 - April 19, 2020

Paul Rauch Meyer, beloved partner, father, grandpa, and friend to all, died of an unexpected heart attack at his favorite place in the world, Lake Chelan, Sunday, April 19, 2020. Born in Elma Washington, June 26, 1936, to Martha and Paul Meyer, Paul grew up in Malone and later in Lakewood. His fondness for the Olympic Mountains got him into mountaineering early. Over the years, he climbed all the major peaks in Washington State, summited Mt. Rainier twice, and passed onto his sons his fondness for the wilderness. But that was only part of his full life.

Paul graduated from the University of Washington with an undergraduate degree in Political Science and a Masters Degree in Public Administration. He spent 20 years in public service and served as Seattle-King County Ombudsman from 1974-1979. He spent the next 20 years in the private sector where he consulted with small family businesses, and finally served as an arbitrator for FINRA. (Financial Industry Regulatory Authority) In addition to his professional life, Paul was a Paul Harris Rotarian, Past Commodore of the Ancient Mariners, Member of the Seattle Tennis Club, a US Army Veteran, a Mason, a DKE, and played French Horn in the Seattle Civic Band.

Paul married Mary Quillian in 1960 and had two children, Christopher and Jay, ending in divorce. In 1969, he became a devoted husband to Nancy Lee Bryant until her death in 2007. Together they raised their four children, Paul's Christopher and Jay and Nancy's Nanna and Peter. In 2009, he became partners with Jody Nyquist, and formed a special relationship with her son

Dwynn, his wife Kristi, and their three children, Michael, Tyler, and Olivia. Paul has been an oarsman since he was a freshman at UW and rowed 3 times a week to this day. Paul maintained it taught him “the importance of discipline, academic excellence, team work, and trust,” principles that he applied the rest of his life. Paul was an avid reader, amazingly curious about all of life, and continually challenged himself to learn more. In retirement, he set off to explore the world as well as to volunteer for many non-profits and church groups.

Paul was a man of profound faith, not only in God but in everyone. He loved people. He had a generous heart for all and a calling to help others. He loved boundlessly and was fiercely loyal. With a twinkle in his eye and a smile, his goal was to “use his God given talents to make the world a better place.” He was so loved and will be sorely missed by his family and his legions of friends. Paul is survived by his partner, Jody Nyquist, brother Roger Meyer, children Jay Meyer (Gloria), Nanna Goodfellow, and Peter Goodfellow (Kathleen), and grandchildren Mark Meyer (Simon) and Alexis Goodfellow (Simone). He was preceded in death by his son Christopher Meyer and granddaughter Kimberley Meyer.

A Memorial Service will be held at Epiphany Parish in Seattle The Memorial Service for Paul will be live-streamed from Epiphany Episcopal Church at 1:00 PM (Pacific Time) on Friday, November 20th. You are most welcome to join in the Service via YouTube using the link:

[https://youtu.be/j\\_tMjVt0w5Y](https://youtu.be/j_tMjVt0w5Y)

You will be able to follow the order of the service via a Church Bulletin which will be posted on the site on November 20th. The Bulletin can be accessed simultaneously if you have a second device such as a cell phone. The plan for the Service will include lots of music performed by Paul’s friends as Paul would have wanted.

Donations can be made in Paul Meyer’s name to the Christopher Rauch

Meyer Endowed Fund at the University of Washington

(<https://tinyurl.com/MeyerFund>)

or by calling 1-800-332-0565) or to Shared Breakfast (for the homeless) at First Church United Methodist Church of Seattle ([www.firstchurchseattle.org/give](http://www.firstchurchseattle.org/give)) donate.

# Tribute Wall



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“ *I met Paul as a freshman at the U of W when he was a senior advisor when I resided in Lander Hall on campus over sixty years ago. I still recall the strong presence he presented and the council he provided to the rather reckless bunch of jocks that occupied that part of the resident facility. It was a challenge to say the least ,but he was up to it.*

*Over the next half century plus our careers would intersect. I would see him at the King County Building when he worked there as an administrator and from time to time at the Department of Communications gatherings he would attend with his partner Jody Nyquist. The last encounter was this past Easter when we were both present at the Epiphany Church in Seattle. Over that span of time Paul remained the same man I remember from our first meeting. Handsome, fit, informed, engaging and genuine in his greetings and conversation. He continued to make a strong and lasting impression that will always remain and strengthen me.*

*My condolences to his partner Jody. Seeing them together over the years also conveyed an indelible and positive memory. Together they provided a special radiance of what a loving relationship can be.*

*Tony Angell  
Seattle, Washington*

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