



Roy G. Westerdahl

March 2, 1918 - November 9, 2013

Saturday November 9th 2013 Brewster lost one of the few remaining members of the Greatest Generation, and long time community member Roy Westerdahl. He died from head injuries suffered in a fall at his home at the age of 95. Roy will be remembered by most for his daily walks downtown, his ever-present smile and his interesting talks with whoever his path would cross.

Born in Tacoma in 1918 Roy graduated from Lincoln High School in 1936. He immediately went to Alaska where he found employment working as a watchman on a floating fish trap for five subsequent summers. He worked on fishing and tug boats as well. These were times that he was quite fond and proud of.

In 1941 Roy joined the U.S. Navy which he served in until his discharge at the wars end. He then married Lois Monroe his wife to be of 58 years. While attending the University of Washington they built a house on Mercer Island. Roy earned double majors in Money & Banking and in Speech.

Upon graduation they moved to Brewster and took over Lois' family's orchard properties. He immediately became active in agricultural and civic activities. He became a Director of the Brewster Cooperative Growers Association which shortly merged with Brewster Mutual Apple Growers. He then became

Chairman of this organization. They then merged with Omak Fruit Growers to become MAGI. He was chairman of this organization for many years.

Roy was a long time Board member and Chairman of the Washington State Clearing House Association. He was a director and Chairman of the Washington State Apple Commission, a Trustee of the Northwest Horticultural Council, a Director of Northwest Wholesale, a Board Member of the State Horticultural Association and a Trustee of the Welch Grape Juice Company.

He was invited to serve on the five County Council of Camp Fire Girls of which he soon became Chairman. He also served on the Board of the Boy Scouts where he conceived and directed a giant camp-out commemorating the inundation of the old Fort Okanogan by Wells Dam.

Roy was very politically active and made two unsuccessful runs at the State Legislature. He was Chairman of the Douglas County Republican Party and Chairman of the Fifth Congressional District. He was on the Republican State Central Committee for many years, and a member of the Washington State Republican Executive Committee for several years.

He was a Director of the (then) Okanogan County Medical Association, a Director of the FHA, and was on the Board of the Upper Columbia Regional Fisheries Enhancement Group. Up until the last several he was involved with the HOSTS program as a mentor for students at the Brewster Grade School.

Roy was an avid golfer and said that one of his most satisfying achievements in life were his five holes in one he got while playing golf. He was a Lifetime Member of the Lake Woods Golf Course and served on its Board as chairman several times.

He enjoyed taking the family on outdoor outings and camping trips. Often up in the mountains, sometimes to Canada. And annual trips to the ocean with family friends in search of clams, oysters and salmon. Boating trips up Lake Chelan or on the many sections of the Columbia River were also regular summer adventures. Roy loved the outdoors and spent most of his life in them, one way or another.

He and his wife Lois enjoyed retirement after sale of their orchard in 1977. They traveled the world on various cruises and trips. Many of their winters were spent in Arizona where they stayed in various locations and met many new interesting friends whose company they enjoyed and kept for many years.

Roy and his son Brian grew cherries on an orchard near Bridgeport. If he wasn't at the golf course or in his garden at home, he could be found out somewhere in the cherry orchard. He also enjoyed fishing with his son Vernon on his pontoon boat and many a steelhead were landed by the two. Family golf outings were both fun and competitive, with Roy usually carding the lowest score. We will sure miss you dad.

Roy was preceded in death by his parents Tom and Ethyl, wife Lois, brother Warren, sister June, daughter Deanne and grandson Jason. He is survived by sons Brian & Cathy, and Vernon, and grandchildren Amber, Christy and Alisa, eight great grandchildren and his companion of ten plus years Mary Johnson.

In lieu of flowers the family requests donations be made to the Brewster Senior Center, PO Box 96, Brewster, WA. 98812.

There will be a public graveside service Friday, November 22, 2013 at the Bridgeport cemetery at 11:00 AM, followed by a reception at the Brewster

American Legion Hall.

Services are entrusted to Barnes Chapel of Brewster. Please leave your condolences and remembrances at www.barneschapel.com.

Cemetery Details

Bridgeport Cemetery

15th ST & Fisk Ave
Bridgeport, WA

Previous Events

Service

NOV 22. 11:00 AM (PT)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Precht Rose Chapel and Barnes Chapel created a Tribute Video in memory of Roy G. Westerdahl*



Precht Rose Chapel and Barnes Chapel - November 09, 2013 at 12:00 AM



“ *Roy G. Westerdahl*

January 29, 2023 at 08:49 AM



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Tom White - November 21, 2013 at 09:50 AM



Thank You for the picture of my Grandpa... He is surely loved and missed...

Amber Westerdahl - December 28, 2013 at 12:16 PM



You're welcome Amber. I enjoyed talking with you today. Thanks for calling.

Tom White - February 19, 2014 at 12:59 PM

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“ I met Mr. Westerdahl when I was a child growing up in Brewster. I knew when I first met him he was very special and had a twinkle in his eye. In later years I got to know him more as he was a HOSTS mentor. What a character! I remember perfectly he told one of his students "if you dont remember the meaning of the word next week than I will make you run around the track." He was serious! His student looked at him with a deer in the headlights look. What a great impact Mr. Westerdahl has had on our communitis youth. Mr. Westerdahl was truly a class act.

Tracy Looper - November 19, 2013 at 08:37 PM

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“ Roy Westerdahl was the kind of man I hope my boys grow to be. Honest and kind to all he knew, ready to help at the drop of a hat. What a great life and legacy. God bless.

Lenny Monroe - November 16, 2013 at 12:12 AM

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One could hardly find a man with a more positive outlook on life than Roy Westerdahl and day by day that's how he lived his. I admired him for his natural curiosity, his love and pursuit of knowledge, his willingness and enthusiasm to try new things; the new experience was a passion of his. Roy was a true gentleman, never without a smile or a cheerful word. He was a conversationalist, easy to talk to. I enjoyed his friendly banter and sharing information with him.

On behalf of my family I would like to expresss our gratitude for Roy's presence in my mother's life these past several years. They were an inseparable couple, always looking out for each other and truly enjoying each other's company. Our condolences go out to the family.Roy was a man who made his mark. His loss saddens us all. Terry Johnson (Mary's son) and Trecia (Mary's daughter-in-law).

Terry M. Johnson - November 18, 2013 at 04:09 PM