



## Stephen H Palmbush

September 1, 1943 - March 1, 2022

With his family surrounding him in love, Stephen Henry Palmbush went home to the Lord on March 1, 2022.

A former naval aviator and financial advisor, Stephen was born to Norma (Moore) and Henry Palmbush on the eastern front of the Rocky Mountains in Conrad, Montana, where his Dutch and German émigré grandparents settled at the turn of the last century.

After high school he studied computer science before joining the Navy in 1965, during which time he met and married his beloved wife and life companion, Carrol Palmbush (née Brendell) while stationed at McGuire Air Force Base in New Jersey. Following two tours in Vietnam, Steve and Carrol and their first child (Scott Stephen) lived in Iwakuni, Japan for two years before returning stateside and settling in Montana.

Montana was always home, a special place embedded deep in Steve's soul. He loved Glacier Park and took his family there often as his children grew up, eager and happy to share with others the breathtaking beauty of its mountains and valleys, the lakes, streams, waterfalls, and wildlife. Flying over Glacier's mountains and the plains of Montana with Steve, could often feel like a religious experience—the broad blue sky was his church.

Steve considered life a great adventure, its twists and turns to be appreciated as a gift. He loved telling stories, or otherwise 'holding court' around the table with family and friends, where young and old alike were captivated by his rich store of anecdotes and life lessons. He taught us that a good life involves finding joy (no matter how small) in each day, and always thinking about what you can do for someone else.

For Steve, service to others was a way of life. He served the Chelan community formally as Post Commander for the VFW, Commodore of the Boat Club, President of the Lake Chelan Community Hospital Foundation; as a highly active member of Rotary, an enthusiastic supporter and organizer of Bach Fest, a member of Real Life Church, and most recently as a "Volunteer Grandpa." Informally he served the community as a mentor who had time for anyone in need; Steve was a champion of underdogs and those who struggle. He recognized pain, and devoted himself to sharing with others his practical guidance, as well as the beautiful hope he had come to know and trust as a child of God.

Steve enjoyed catching up in conversation with family and friends. He took full advantage of every opportunity to philosophize/offer advice to his kids and grandkids; he loved music--classical, jazz, country, and especially bluegrass; he relished a good meal and fine wine, had a soft spot for animals (the more bedraggled the better); he laughed heartily at funny cartoons and good jokes. And of course, anyone who knew him knows he was damned proud of his family and not afraid to say so!

Steve is survived by his wife, Carrol, his son Scott and daughter-in-law Rachel, daughter Shannon and son-in-law Duncan, daughter Sara, daughter Courtney and son-in-law Denys, and his grandchildren, Kyra, Luke, Cole, and Shane Palmbush, Evelyn, Piper, and Tavish MacLeod, and Maurits and Aurelia Groeneveld; his sisters Georgia and Susan, and their families.

We miss him, but look forward to hearing all about his latest adventures when we meet again.

A memorial and celebration of Steve's life will be held at North Shore Bible Church in Manson at 2:00 p.m. on Friday, March 25th. <sup>[1]</sup><sub>SEP</sub>A memorial website is online via Precht Rose Chapel where you can share stories and memories: <https://www.prechtrose.com/obituaries/Stephen-Palmbush/>

If you would like to donate money to a cause in Steve's memory, please consider Lake Chelan VFW, Lake Chelan Community Hospital Foundation, or Lake Chelan Rotary. <sup>[1]</sup><sub>SEP</sub>Otherwise, if you would like to honor Dad's memory, look around, take a deep breath, give thanks for another day, and offer hope to somebody in need.

# Previous Events

## Celebration of Life

MAR **25**. 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM (PT)

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

# Tribute Wall



“ *Stephen H Palmbush*

January 29, 2023 at 08:49 AM



“ *Carrol and family, my deepest condolences. Steve meant a lot to his uncle, my father, Arnold Palmbush. As a young kid in the 60s, I always remember him coming to Billings to see dad with those aviator glasses on.....thought it was so cool. I am grateful that my dad had his support and love. Equally grateful as well, that he drew me back into the fold, connecting me with all of my cousins and providing, over the years, more perspective about my father. That I will always cherish. Peace.*

Kim Palmbush - March 21, 2022 at 06:11 PM



“ *1 file added to the tribute wall*



Kim Palmbush - March 21, 2022 at 06:00 PM



“ 5 files added to the album Memories Album



Precht Rose Chapel and Barnes Chapel - March 14, 2022 at 06:49 PM



“ Courtney Palmbush lit a candle in memory of Stephen H Palmbush



Courtney Palmbush - March 13, 2022 at 05:52 PM



“ Steve and I met when we were both new to Chelan and jointly discovered our Montana heritage and aviation interest. Since that point we have been good friends, bible study mates, and participants in community service. He was dedicated to his family, his career and making this part of the world a better place. That speaks a lot as to who he was and the impact he had. My sincere condolences.

Rich and Mary Watson - March 09, 2022 at 02:57 PM

KC

*Carrol and family, thank you all for sharing Steve with the Chelan community. Carrol and Steve were such great role models for happy loving couples. Chelan VFW parades won't be the same.*

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**Kit and Mary Couchee** - March 13, 2022 at 11:22 PM

GW

*“ My deepest condolences to Carol and family. Steve always impressed me with his support of the hospital and so many local charities. He also trained at least two of our local Edward Jones financial advisors who deeply care for their clients. He will be missed.*

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**Gaylen Willett** - March 04, 2022 at 01:08 AM

KG

*“ Steve we will miss your smile and your many stories . You had a way of making the person you were speaking to feel special. We will miss your sincere heart and your insight into God's word.  
Greg and Kathy*

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**Kathy and Greg** - March 02, 2022 at 09:05 PM