



Judge Thomas Charles Warren

January 1, 1941 - April 23, 2018

Retired District Court Judge Thomas C. Warren of Chelan died April 23, 2018. He was born in Wenatchee on January 1, 1941, the third of three sons to Charles Clair Warren Jr. and Edith Allen Warren. His brothers Dick Warren of Hoquiam and Dave Warren of Edmonds predeceased him. Judge Warren graduated from Wenatchee High School in 1959 and from the University of Washington with a degree in Business Administration, where he served as Vice President of the UW Student Body. He graduated from the University of Washington Law School in 1965, where he was on the Law Review and graduated as a member of the Order of the Coif, the law school equivalent of Phi Beta Kappa.

In 1963, he married the love of his life, Mary Ann Beucler, also from Wenatchee. Following law school he served 4 years with the U.S. Army Judge Advocate General's Corps with the rank of Captain. He served a year in Viet Nam and was decorated with the bronze star, bronze star with oak leaf cluster, army commendation medal, and army commendation medal with oak leaf cluster.

Upon completing his military service the family moved back to Wenatchee where Tom went into private law practice. In 1986 he was appointed as a judge of the Chelan County District Court and served for 21 years on the bench, followed by over 10 years as a frequent pro tem judge in counties

around Central Washington. Judge Warren was very active and respected nationwide for his contributions to the judiciary. He served as chairperson of the American Bar Association National Conference of Specialized Court Judges, and in 1994 he was selected state Judge of the Year by the Misdemeanant Corrections Association. He performed over 2700 marriage ceremonies, both in English and Spanish.

Judge Warren has been a committed volunteer and leader throughout his life. A very partial list includes: President of the Wenatchee Valley Chamber of Commerce; Chair of the Trustees of Wenatchee Valley College; President of United Way of Washington; Director General of the Washington State Apple Blossom Festival; President of Wenatchee Valley College Foundation; and Chair of the Administrative Council of the Wenatchee First United Methodist Church. In 2002 Judge Warren was honored for his contributions to his profession and community by being named the Distinguished Alumnus of Wenatchee High School.

When Tom retired and moved full-time to Chelan, the family worried that he would drive Mary Ann crazy since Mariners and Seahawks seasons don't last forever and he thrived on chatting with everyone he met at the courthouse and around town. We shouldn't have been concerned – he plunged into life in Chelan with the same enthusiasm and community focus that he had all his life. He continued his commitment to public service, serving as Chair of the Lake Chelan Community Hospital Foundation, President of the Lake Chelan Rotary, and as an elected Commissioner of the Lake Chelan Community Hospital & Clinics. He was also an active member of the Lake Chelan United Methodist Church.

Retirement also enabled him to double-down on his love of travel. Tom and Mary Ann visited more than 70 countries, exploring cultures and making new friends throughout the world. And if you know Tom, you know that the

research and planning, article writing, and encouragement and planning advice to friends and family were almost as much fun as the trips themselves.

But the most important thing about Tom was what an amazing husband and father he was. He and Mary Ann met as teenagers and were married for 54 wonderful years. Growing up, his daughters Katy Warren and Amanda (Warren) Froh were blessed with a committed father who delighted in time spent at home and at Lake Chelan with his family. His love expanded to include Deya Jorda Nolan, his “Venezuelan daughter” who came as a high school exchange student and ended up staying and becoming an honorary Warren. His granddaughter Eliza Froh also got to know and love Grandpop’s devotion to family and weird jokes. He’s also survived by his two sons-in-law, Geoff Froh and Gary Nolan, who spent many hours with him over the past 20+ years watching sports and fixing his computer.

A celebration of Judge Warren's life will be held at 11:00 am Saturday, May 12 at the Chelan High School Performing Arts Theater. Officiating will be Dr. Sanford Brown, a longtime friend. Judge Warren has requested that in lieu of flowers, contributions in his memory be given to the NCW Community Foundation, Lake Chelan Rotary Community and International Fund, Chelan United Methodist Church, or the local charity of your choice.

Cemetery Details

Chelan Riverview Cemetery

401 Riverview Road
Chelan, WA

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

MAY **12.** 11:00 AM (PT)

Chelan High School Performing Arts Center
215 W. Webster Ave.
Chelan, WA 98816

Inurnment

MAY **31.** 1:00 PM (PT)

Chelan Riverview Cemetery
401 Riverview Road
Chelan, WA

Tribute Wall



“ *Precht Rose Chapel and Barnes Chapel created a Tribute Video in memory of Judge Thomas Charles Warren*



Precht Rose Chapel and Barnes Chapel - May 09, 2018 at 05:43 PM



“ *Judge Thomas Charles Warren*

January 29, 2023 at 08:49 AM

AB

“ I have known Judge Warren for almost my entire legal career. He was one of the first judges (if not the first) I appeared in front of as a young deputy prosecutor for Gary Riesen back in 1996. I enjoyed the efficient manner he operated his court and the wit he shone on and off the bench. After court, he was always available to chat, whether it be about his travels with Mary Ann (Superwoman!), sports, or whatever the topic might be of the day. I immensely enjoyed my time in front of him, I learned a lot from him, and I was and am very honored to have received Tom's endorsement for Chelan County District Court, the same the position he left in 2006. I was shocked and saddened when I heard the news of his passing. The bench won't be the same without him.

Attached is a photo of him and I at Mary Ann and Tom's house for a District Court Christmas party a number of years ago. What an enjoyable time, and man.

Allen Blackmon



Allen Blackmon - May 11, 2018 at 07:01 PM

DK

“ Dear Mary Ann, and Family:

I was very saddened to read this past week about Tom's passing (as reported in the 'Judicial News' that judges statewide see by email each workday). You might recall that my wife Peggy and I lived in Wenatchee, essentially from 1979 thru the first part of 1983 (and our daughter Julie was born at NCW Hospital on 5/30/82). We fondly remember our contacts with you, Tom, and your family--and our deep condolences to you and yours.

This past summer I came over from Snohomish County and essentially did a "judge exchange" with Chip Small. During that week I happened to walk over to the "old Courthouse" where I understand District Court now operates (and where I spent many hours decades ago). To my unexpected delight, when I happened to stick my head inside one of the otherwise empty courtrooms, there was Tom, apparently doing some work in regards to one of his pro tem calendars. We got to talk alone for maybe 15-20 minutes. I got to be on the receiving end once again of Tom's razor sharp wit. My chance encounter with Tom, and the chance to discuss some "old times", was a great, unanticipated pleasure.

Once more, I write to offer sincere sympathies--but also to acknowledge a special man, and a life well-lived.

*Dave Kurtz (and Peggy)
david.kurtz@snoco.org*

Dave Kurtz - April 30, 2018 at 09:36 PM

DY

“ For a few moments, I lost the ability to breath when I heard the news on Monday. Then followed the tears. I just cannot believe the "short guy" is gone! I felt honored to serve as his probation director along with Judge Graham and then Judge Nakata. Tom would frequently pop in to our offices to see how things were going with his probation peeps. He certainly had a cantancerous side, but we all loved him. He was a great supporter of probation services and vitally interested in seeing offenders succeed. My heart certainly swelled with pride when he was chosen as judge of the year in the state. I know from my own statewide activities that Judge Warren was highly respected.

We kept in touch even after he retired. I loved his travelogues! My heart goes put to you, Mary Ann, Amanda, Katy and Deya. He was so proud of all of you. If there is anything I can do, please dont hesitate to ask. (dyonaka@hotmail.com)

Debbie Yonaka - April 26, 2018 at 05:51 PM

JM

“ I have known Judge Warren for nearly 25yrs. He and I served as judges in the courts of limited jurisdiction and we reconnected when I moved to Wenatchee several years ago. Tom was a well respected judge in this state. He was kind, considerate and a loving family man. He also garnered the respect of many judges for his wisdom, fairness and willingness to help. Tom will surely be missed.

Judge Bob McSeveney

Judge McSeveney - April 26, 2018 at 02:29 PM

GW

“ My deepest condolences to Mary Anne and family. I only knew him as the judge who helped me get my passport, but I’ve known of his dedication On Lake Chelan hospitals board, and I appreciate all that he has done for the community. My heart goes out to all who knew him. We will miss his smile.



Gaylen Willett - April 26, 2018 at 12:57 AM

GN

“ My heart goes out to MaryAnn and the family. Tom and MaryAnn were the first couple to take Sandy and I under their wing when we moved to Wenatchee in 1971. Tom was just a good guy who loved the law...but always put family and friends first. He will be sorely missed by all who knew him.
Gordi Northrup.

Gordi Northrup - April 26, 2018 at 12:13 AM

MO

“ We enjoyed our Mexico trips so much. What fun we had in Puebla and San Miguel de Allende this past February. We will miss him. Our hearts go out to Mary Ann and her family.



Margaret Orman - April 25, 2018 at 08:17 PM

SJ

“ Glade and I enjoyed a wonderful lunch and walk in Puerto Vallarta in January with Tom and MaryAnn. Tom seemed as fit as a fiddle. We probably walked about 4 miles on the beach and in town. We loved Tom's dry sense of humor. We had just recently gotten to know Tom and so miss not being able to know him better. He was an asset to our community.
Sara and Glade Johnson

Sara Johnson - April 25, 2018 at 07:11 PM

JG

“ Great man, great family! Enjoyed the years of support and involvement on Apple Blossom Board with Tom!

John Gordon - April 25, 2018 at 12:32 PM

JS

“ Our prayers go out to your entire family. We got to know Mary Ann and Tom while we were all at Fort Bliss when Tom and Bob were in the JAG office there. We've kept in contact with them over the years through Christmas letters and then on face book. We've share a love of travel with them and have enjoyed his travel writings over the years. He was a remarkable man and will certainly be missed.
Jeanne and Bob Skilton

Jeanne Skilton - April 25, 2018 at 06:31 AM

MH

“ Tom & Maryann were our 'across the street neighbors' on Red Apple Rd for a number of years, and we always liked them. My wife just recently saw them in Safeway, but being an employee, had little time to talk, so we are sad to hear of Tom's passing. We will miss him and our thoughts and prayers to the family.

Mike Hughes - April 24, 2018 at 11:00 PM

KM

“ *Loved working with Tom over the years. Great dedication to many projects. He will be missed.* ”

Karen McKellar - April 24, 2018 at 08:47 PM