

Passing of Chuck MacLearnsberry

Long-time Bainbridge Island resident and businessman, Mathew Charles (Chuck) MacLearnsberry, died Friday evening, January 15, 2016, at age 81.

Chuck was born in Carver, Oregon, on June 7, 1934, to Matthew and Willa (Steele) MacLearnsberry. After graduating from Tahoma High School, he served in an engineering battalion in Germany before graduating with a degree in logging engineering from the University of Washington.



In 1959, he married Barbara Mariann Meyer, his wife of 56 years, and embarked on a career in land surveying and civil engineering. Following stints with various firms, including Pope & Talbot, where he coordinated the design and construction of the Port Ludlow Golf Course and its community, Chuck established his own engineering firm, MacLearnsberry, Inc. on the Island, which he operated for nearly forty years before his retirement.

A dedicated civic volunteer and member of Kiwanis, Chuck was also involved with the Boy Scouts, the Special Needs Foundation, regular readings for school children and seniors, firearm and boating safety education, neighborhood emergency preparedness, inmate outreach and various charities.

He is survived by his wife, Barbara, a step-brother, Charles (Sue) Overaa, a son, Bruce (Kadi), two daughters, Heidi (Dean) Newcomb and Jenna (Daniel) Campau, twelve grandchildren, Naomi, Stephanie, Kirk, Brett, Brian, Cyan, Blake, Siri, Brina, Joel, Geordie and Maxim, and one great-grandson, Rocko and numerous nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by step-sister Jane (Ollie) Aveldson.

A memorial service will be held at the Sons of Norway Hall in Poulsbo at 1:00pm on Sunday, January 31.

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Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of his kind ones.