



Robert B. Arkell



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January 3, 1931 – February 7, 2014

Robert Burritt Arkell, peacefully passed away February 7, 2014,

surrounded by his loving family. He was 83 years old.

Born to Fredrick and Pearl Arkell in Great Falls, Montana,

Bob was a graduate of R.A. Long High School, University of

Washington, and the University of California Hastings College

of Law.

Bob is a United States Veteran having served in the Korean War

as a Lieutenant for the United States Marines. The privilege of

serving his country was a great source of pride for Bob.

In 1960, Bob married the love of his life, Marilyn Dahme. Together they returned to Longview

in 1964 to raise a family. It was at this time, that Bob began a long and successful career. From

1964-1969, Bob was a partner in the Law Firm of Studley, Purcell, Spencer & Arkell. Trying his

hand at politics, Bob also ran for State Senator in 1968, and led a strong campaign with great support

from Cowlitz County citizens. Following his completion as partner, Bob served as Cowlitz County Superior Court Judge from 1969 to 1970.

Perhaps best known by many, Bob served as Senior Vice President of Industrial Relations and

General Counsel at Longview Fibre. Bob enjoyed a 37 year career at Longview Fibre, and retired

in 2007 to enjoy time with his wife and family.

Bob was an active community member serving for Longview Chamber of commerce as a past

President & Vice President of Public and Governmental Affairs. He also served on numerous local

organization boards including Toutle River Boys Ranch & Salvation Army.

After losing his beloved wife Marilyn in 2008, Bob continued to enjoy his retirement enjoying golf

at Longview Country Club. Up through his 82nd year, Bob played golf three times per week, and

could be found regularly walking his dog "Louie" around Lake Sacajawea many times per week.

Bob could also be found supporting and attending his Grandson's activities. His favorite recent

past time was watching them grow and participate in many sports and activities. One of his greatest

joys came from being a Grandfather...affectionately nicknamed "Gumpy" by his Grandson's.

Throughout his life, Bob was a strong contributor in the community, and quietly supported many

individuals and organizations, never looking for recognition or anything in return.

Bob was preceded in death by his wife Marilyn, Parents Fredrick & Pearl, Sister Elona, and Brother

Fred. He is survived by his son Rick, daughter and son in law Tracy & Rich Best, his grandsons,

Spencer Best 17, and Drew Best, 14, niece Linda Lesnick of Seattle, nephew Charles Lesnick, Jr. of

Collerville, TN, and grand niece Lauren Lesnick. Bob left behind many more friends and loving

memories for all to share.

A Celebration of Life will be held in Bob's honor at Longview Country Club, Saturday, February

15, 2014 from 11:00-1:00pm. In lieu of flowers, and at Bob's request, memorial contributions can