

Former Judge Lawrence Edward “Ed” Brown



March 25, 1924 - February 26, 2013

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Lawrence Edward “Ed” Brown died on February 26, 2013, at his home in the Emerald Heights Retirement Community in Redmond, Washington. He was 88.

Known to his grandchildren as “Golf Cart Grampa,” he is survived by his wife, Lois (Sidie (White), of Redmond, Wash; **his son, Stephen Edward Brown** (wife Beckie) of Elma, Wash.; grandson, Lucas Roy Brown of Seattle, Wash.; grandson, Lee Edward Brown of Seattle, Wash.; granddaughter, Blair Elizabeth Brown of Elma, Wash.; brother, Charles William Brown of Burien, Wash.; brother, Ray Dell Brown, of Yakima, Wash.; stepson, Alex Sidey (wife Karen); stepson, Regan Sidie (wife Rebecca); stepdaughter, Debbie Vaught (husband Dan); stepgrandson, Drew Branstetter (wife Ashley); stepgrandson, Reed Vaught; and stepgreat-grandson, Jude Buss.

Ed's wife of 47 years, Elizabeth Dye Brown; sisters, Frances Marian Neal (Portland, Oregon) and Bonnie Jean Warden (Seattle, Wash.); brothers, James Albert Brown (Prue, Okla.), Lee Maurice Brown (Moses Lake, Wash.) and Gordon Clark Brown (Wapato, Wash.) preceded him in death.

Ed was born on March 25, 1924, at Bixby, Oklahoma, the sixth child of Marion Lee Brown & Ollie Dell (Payne) Brown. He attended a one-room elementary school in Vera, Oklahoma, until moving with his family to the Yakima Valley in 1936. Ed graduated from Wapato High School in 1942, where he was class president, commencement speaker and a starting member of the basketball team. Ed joined the Navy and attained the rank of Quartermaster 1st Class, serving aboard the USS General T. S. Bliss during World War II.

Ed graduated from the University of Washington and its School of Law in 1952, and moved with his wife, Liz, to Elma to begin his law practice, which included being the Elma City Attorney and a Deputy Prosecutor. In 1962, Ed was elected Prosecuting Attorney for Grays Harbor County, serving until 1974. From 1974 until his retirement in December 1986, Ed served as a Judge for Grays Harbor County District Court. On November 23, 1996, Ed was ordained as a priest in the Episcopal Church and was a member of St. Luke's Episcopal Church in Elma, and later, the Church of the Holy Cross in Redmond.

Ed was involved in various community organizations and activities over the years including the Elma School Board, Aberdeen Elks, Grays Harbor Footprinters and Elma Eagles. More recently, Ed was one of the founding Board Members of the Dispute Resolution Center for Grays Harbor & Pacific Counties. Ed enjoyed traveling, fishing, reading westerns, golf, bowling, pool, pinochle, poker, bridge and cribbage - pretty much any type of game. He loved the spirit of competition, and was an Elma football & basketball season ticket holder for over 40 years.

Memorials may be made to the Dispute Resolution Center, 2072 Chehalis St., Suite 301, Aberdeen, WA 98520.

A Celebration of Life service will be held at St. Luke's Episcopal Church, 626 W. Young St., Elma, WA, at 1:00 p.m. on Thursday, March 7, 2013, with a reception following.

Please visit and sign the online tribute to Ed at www.whitesidefamilymortuaries.com

Arrangements are entrusted to Whiteside Family Mortuary of Elma.