

Walter “Bruce” Lovell, 74
Kingston, WA
Sept. 27, 1942 - June 22, 2017



Bruce was born to Walter and Grace (Lindblom) Lovell. He attended Sauk Rapids schools and graduated in 1960. After graduation, Bruce attended St. Cloud University for a year before joining the Navy.

When his service duties were completed in 1966, Bruce made his way west from Minnesota and settled in the Seattle area. He made a career working for the “phone company” (initially SW Bell) at which time he also obtained a business degree from the University of Washington. Bruce then transitioned to AT&T, where he stayed until retirement. As retirement began to near, and his satisfaction with living in a big city diminished, the search for a new home began and Kingston was the clear choice.

A person of many interests and talents, he enjoyed music, gardening and landscaping, reading and wood working, but his true passion

was fishing and enjoying the waters of the Puget Sound. He made many trips to fish for tuna and always participated in the salmon, crab and cod season locally. After purchasing a smoker, he made some of the best smoked salmon around and it always a favorite with friends and family. His mathematical skills were put to good use when he served for many years as treasurer for the North Kitsap Puget Sound Anglers Association.

Bruce bravely battled cancer and finally moved on to a better place free of pain on July 22. In spite of various treatments and their side effects, he always smiled at the nurses, doctors and caregivers remembering to say “thank you” and to make a little joke. He could bring a smile to anyone’s face. He was simply a kind and gentle person with a generous heart and spirit willing to help anyone at anytime.

Friends and family were very important to him and he maintained friendships from childhood, the military, work and community. During Bruce’s final weeks he was able to spend time with many of them. He is survived by his wife, Linda, sisters Jil Mattson, Joy Chall, Jan (Mark) Murphy and Jul (Randy) Benoit and a multitude of nieces and nephews all of whom he was very proud. He is also survived by three broken-hearted dogs who miss him very much.

If you choose to make a donation in Bruce’s memory, please donate to a local food bank, animal welfare organization, or any other charity that touches your heart.