

Services Information

No services.

Philip Edward Borders



June 18, 1939
Tulsa, Oklahoma
March 21, 2016
Edmonds, Washington

Philip Edward Borders, 76, was born in Tulsa, OK. He died unexpectedly on March 21, 2016. At the age of 2, the tragic loss of his father forced a move with his mother Louise and brother Bob to Seattle, where he later attended Ballard High School.

Phil excelled in athletics at Ballard and lettered in three sports, culminating in a State Championship and All-American Honors as quarterback for the Beavers. He cherished his time at Ballard where he made life-long friendships, including Barbara (Mouat) who became his wife of 52 years. Phil received a scholarship to U. of W. as a quarterback for the Huskies, leaving the program to pursue a professional baseball contract with the Chicago Cubs and the California Angels. He later played semi-pro football for the Seattle Ramblers and Edmonds Rangers. He was inducted in the Pacific Northwest Football Hall of Fame. Phil and Barbara married, travelled in the minor leagues, and started their family. The responsibilities of fatherhood led him to complete a law enforcement degree and become a Washington State Trooper.

Working night shifts in Snohomish County was a worry, but the half-eaten box of donuts on the counter in the morning was evidence of a safe arrival home. Eventually he was promoted to Sergeant and began working in the vehicle inspection and evidence department. He followed his sons' sporting events, often rolling up to games on his way home in uniform and cheering for them. They spent hours playing catch in the yard - thousands of perfect spirals and glove-busting hard balls. He was always there for his boys, lending advice, labor, and generous donations towards their projects. After serving 25 years with the State Patrol, he relaxed and travelled, and became a grandfather. He was loyal to Huskies and Seahawks, followed his grandson's sports activities, and was cat rescuer to many. Survived by wife, Barbara, sons Michael, David and Steven, grandchildren Marissa and Brad, and daughters-in-law Lisa and Dana. His teasing and playful nature will be remembered and always missed.

Donations in his name can be made to the Ballard High School Foundation, P.O. Box 17626, Seattle, WA 98127, or the Washington State Patrol Memorial Fund, P.O. Box 7544, Olympia, 98507.