



## Bart Clennon

December 6, 1942 - June 25, 2025

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Barton "Bart" Clennon passed away bravely and peacefully at home with his family by his side on June 25, 2025, at the end of a courageous battle with dementia and pancreatic cancer. On the light side, many noted over the past few years that even with dementia, Bart was still smarter than most!

Born in Sturgis, South Dakota, Bart was adopted at birth by Roy and Ethelyn Clennon, who raised him and his sister Pat with a love of family, learning, and adventure. The family moved to Wenatchee in 1956, where Bart graduated with the Wenatchee High School Class of 1960 before studying mathematics for one year at WSU and graduating from the University of Washington in 1964. After completing Army Reserves boot camp, he began work at Northern Life Insurance Co., where he simultaneously studied for and passed the ten challenging exams to become a Fellow in the Society of Actuaries. Bart was then hired by Milliman and Robertson, where he became a partner and enjoyed a successful, distinguished career.

In 1969, Bart met the love of his life, Sheila Hildebrand, at Lake Chelan, and they married in 1970. Together they built a life rooted in family and community, raising their three children, Cory, Mackenzie, and Cameron, in Madison Park (Seattle), Beaconsfield (England), and Wenatchee. Bart's passions in those years included running marathons, studying and completing real estate deals, and figuring out how to either survive or leave the city, resulting in a move

back to Wenatchee.

Bart cared deeply for the Wenatchee Valley and its people. He served on the Wenatchee School Board and the board of the Community Foundation of North Central Washington, helped lead efforts to build the Numerica Performing Arts Center, and advised on projects that strengthened the community. Bart was known for asking the right questions, offering encouragement, and supporting initiatives that would benefit the greater good. He gave generously of his time and resources, embodying the phrase, "I came to serve, not to be served." Above all, Bart was deeply loved and will be greatly missed.

Bart is survived by his wife, Sheila; daughter Cory and husband Rick Wray and their sons, Ryder and Leo; and son Cameron and wife Nicole, and their children, Hazel and Jude. He was preceded in death by his beloved daughter Mackenzie, who at age 21 was killed by a drunk driver.

A celebration of life will be held on Friday, September 5, from 3:00 to 6:00 p.m. at the Wenatchee Golf and Country Club. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to your preferred organization, or to the Numerica Performing Arts Center or the Community Foundation of NCW, continuing Bart's legacy of strengthening the community he loved.

Arrangements by Jones & Jones - Betts Funeral Home.

# Previous Events

## Celebration of Life

SEP 5. 3:00 PM - 6:00 PM (PT)

Wenatchee Golf & Country Club  
1600Country Club Drive  
East Wenatchee, WA 98802

# Tribute Wall

SB

“ *Bart, the cool cousin every youngster should have. I remember him taking my brother Al and I to the movies. Some like it hot.*

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**Stephen Brooks** - September 04, 2025 at 06:17 PM

CM

“ *To borrow a phrase from his beloved Sheila, and late sister in-law Kimmie Roth, Bart was truly one of the "good guys". My deep admiration for the Clennon family is difficult to fully describe as Bart seemed truly the beacon for so many-friends and family alike. You will be missed Uncle Bart, and I raise a heart felt toast of Bushmills in your honor! Love, Chris Maskill (family friend of the Roth family)*

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**Chris Maskill** - September 01, 2025 at 05:08 PM

JD

“ *There are no words to express my love for your family, Sheila. My childhood was painted in beautiful colors by Roy and family and you and Bart! I will miss Bart and am grateful for his service-not only to our community- but to the love in his heart for all. I will always 'run' next door to see you both returned from college for a visit! Your light in my life cannot be described. Here's to a life well-lived, and a Man we can all emulate! Love, Julie Middleton*

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**Julie Anna Middleton Duran** - July 19, 2025 at 01:54 AM

CM

“ *I remember going to Bart and Shelia's wedding. In school we were learning about divorce. I asked my dad do you think Bart and Shelia will have a good marriage? Sam Mills said Bart and Shelia will have a great marriage that will last forever. So sorry about your loss but be thankful for the world having a wonderful man!*

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**Christopher Mills** - July 04, 2025 at 12:48 AM

SR

“ I was so sad to learn that Bart Clennon passed away. My deepest condolences to Sheila and their family. I wish that I could give you a big hug, Sheila. I met Bart when I was hired as the Administrator overseeing the fund raising and construction of the Performing Arts Center. Bart was the Chairman of the Supporters of the Center Board of Directors. He was instrumental in helping to guide us through a very challenging construction and ultimately successful completion of an outstanding addition to our community. I will never forget how much I appreciated and respected him. He was a remarkable man. Bart supported me and gave me the strength to carry on while overseeing that community project.

*I will never forget him.*

*Susan Droz Rankin*

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**Susan Droz Rankin** - July 01, 2025 at 04:42 PM

GS

“ While death ends a life, it does not end a relationship. Our relationship with Bart is one filled with lasting memories of an exceptional person, friend, and visionary leader. His love for family serves as a profound example of what it means to honor and cherish loved ones. For Bart, family was always his foremost priority.

*Bart embodied the phrase, “I came to serve, not to be served.” He served his family and community with dedication and care, profoundly shaping the lives of many in our community positively. Bart was a builder and connector, fostering community pride and vibrancy.*

*Bart was a good man who believed in the potential of others and encouraged them to pursue their dreams. Many dreams came true because of Bart. We were all better in his company.*

*We extend our love and support to Sheila and the family, along with the many fond memories of a truly great man. Bart was “one of a kind”—the BEST kind!*

*Gene and Carol Sharratt & Family*

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**Gene Sharratt** - June 27, 2025 at 09:51 PM

BC

*Sic transit gloria mundi, Ciao Bello...you dine with Persephone now. Immer weiter.*

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**Bart Clennon** - June 30, 2025 at 01:17 PM

RP

*Sending our deepest condolences for the family on Bart's passing from the O'Neal family. Bart and Sheila and family were an influential part of our lives with wonderful memories from our childhood. He was a rare gem and a kind hearted man. Peace be with you all, Rebecca, Shawn, Andy Pillon and on behalf of Ilene O'Neal.*

Rebecca Pillon - September 04, 2025 at 10:21 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Bart Clennon.*



June 27, 2025 at 07:51 PM



“ *A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Bart Clennon.*

June 27, 2025 at 07:51 PM

ET

“ *Dear Sheila and Clennon Family,*

*I first met Bart when he joined the Wenatchee Rotary Club. Then through the years we drifted apart, but my memory of him was very positive.*

*Bart had a nack for being a good thinker and visioner. His advice was golden. We have lost a great citizen!.*

*Sincerely*

*Earl Tilly*

Earl Tilly - June 27, 2025 at 01:25 PM

CO

*I am always grateful for Bart's quick grasp of what ever problem or situation he is involved in and how his wise advice comes so naturally. He was at one of our initial meetings when planning the Coach Tom Byrne celebration in 2008. The early thinking was to have a local one time event, but Bart directed the organizers to have a two day event starting with a Friday night football game and a Saturday night introduction of a new Coach Of The Year Award in honor of Coach Byrne. The weekend was a fantastic success. He will be sorely missed.*

*Carlton Olson*

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**Carlton Olson** - July 04, 2025 at 11:40 AM