



Carl H. Kjobech

August 6, 1937 - April 21, 2023

Carl passed away at home Friday, April 21, after a long, courageous battle with pancreatic cancer. He was born in Salt Lake City, Utah, to Henry Andrew Kjobech and Emily Badger Kjobech, the oldest of six children. His early years were spent in Seattle, and the family moved to Chelan in the early 1940s. Carl graduated from Chelan High School in 1955 where he was student body president and valedictorian of his class. He attended the University of Washington for 4 years and received his medical degree from Northwestern University in Chicago as a member of the AOA Medical Honor Society. The next four years were spent in internship and residency at the University of Washington in Internal Medicine and Hematology. Carl then served two years in the Navy as a Lt. Commander in Barstow, California, at the Marine Corps Supply Center during the Vietnam War. The family moved to Wenatchee in 1969. He practiced for 33 years at Wenatchee Valley Clinic, founding and developing the Oncology Department. In 2003, he retired at age 65. In 1959, he married Helen Nichols, whom he met during undergraduate studies at the University of Washington. Their family includes two sons, Steve and Dan.

Outdoors was where he loved to spend his free time. He took annual backcountry skiing trips to Canada for over 30 years. After retirement, bicycling became his favorite activity with trips throughout the northwest. In 2003, he founded Wellness Place with the mission of providing needed information, care and support to Central Washington's cancer patients.

Wellness Place has continued to support the community for 20 years. He was preceded in death by his parents, his brother, Kent, and sister, Kathe, and is survived by two brothers, Kimber and Kourt, a sister, Kelly, his wife, Helen, sons Steve (Marilyn) and Dan (Karen), five grandchildren, Kailie (Riley), Dylan (Taylor), Ellen, Andrew and Reid and one great grandchild, Lydia.

His memorial service will be held at Pybus Public Market on Saturday, May 20th at 3pm. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to Wellness Place.

Previous Events

Celebration of Life Service

MAY **20**. 3:00 PM (PT)

Pybus Market Event Room
3 N Worthen St
Wenatchee, WA 98801

Tribute Wall

DM

“ Carl was a great physician, colleague and friend. He was recognizable buzzing around the community in his old BMW. He loved life and was a bit of a thrill seeker. I remember riding with him one day on the loop when suddenly he showed up riding on the gravel, off the pavement, to my right. Gave me a bit of a jolt, but he just laughed seeking the challenge of riding his bike off the path. He will be missed. Godspeed Carl

Dave Wiggum MD - May 31, 2023 at 12:16 PM

CM

“ Dr Kjobech left a huge and enduring legacy in our valley. Whether serving his patients, his colleagues (especially those of us who continually learned from him), or advocating for The Wellness Place, he seemed to always do it with grace and good humor. I will long remember his smile, his caring and compassion, whether in a committee meeting or in a chance meeting on the Loop trail. Thank you to his family for sharing him with us.

Cici B. Asplund MD - May 22, 2023 at 05:29 PM

JG

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John Gerber - May 02, 2023 at 06:25 PM

JG

A medical school room-mate and friend. Our times together were limited by distance, but were always special. This picture of Carl overlooking his favorite lake in 2017 captures one aspect of his life that was truly well lived!

John Gerber, Miller Beach, Indiana

John Gerber - May 04, 2023 at 10:25 PM

JD

I remember Dr Kjobech as a humble and dedicated hematologist and the privilege of assisting him in the laboratory. He touched so many lives and undoubtedly saved many of them.

Jan Devnich - May 24, 2023 at 04:52 AM

KB

“ *Helen, I will always remember our Ridge to River team with Carl as one of our canoeists. He was a very good Dr and contributed to our community in so many ways. Take care 🙏*

kate Brantner - April 29, 2023 at 08:05 PM

MB

“ *I am saddened to see that Dr.Kjobeck passed may he rest in peace. I enjoyed getting to know him and his family when I worked with Dr. Smith and listened to the stories and memories they had. God bless the family.*

mindy brrady-rowe - April 29, 2023 at 02:42 PM

TF

“*Dr Kjobech was one of the founding Hematologists and Oncologists in this Valley. We are all blessed to have had him here to help our family and friends. I am privileged to have worked with him for many many years. He was a Pillar of strength In often difficult times. I was originally terrified of him but through the years he became a mentor and friend. I will miss him but remember fondly all of the experiences we shared both difficult and joyful.*

Theresa Filbeck - April 25, 2023 at 08:59 PM

LE

Dr. Carl Kjobech was a kind gentle doctor. I was one of the lucky ones that spent years working with him. Notice I say working with not for as he said we were a team. I remember at one point he became a patient himself and stated to me "I now have a new respect for being a patient". He care deeply for his patients and their families. He will always have a special place in my heart.

Linda Eder

Linda Eder - April 27, 2023 at 12:08 PM

RB

I was his first office nurse for 14 years. I learned a lot in those years. I was very fond of him and will miss him sorely.

Rose Blood - April 29, 2023 at 03:36 PM

KP

Carl was a friend and colleague for nearly 30 years. He was the epitome of a skilled and compassionate physician and was a role model for those of us who worked with him. Carl's contributions to the Wenatchee community were immense and his service to its citizens invaluable. His enthusiasm for his work and his activities away from the clinic was infectious and made him a joy to be around whatever the circumstances. To his family and close friends, we all share in your loss and greatly appreciate a life well lived.

Kirby Primm

Wake Forest, NC

Kirby Primm - April 30, 2023 at 05:22 PM

RO

*Carl has been a wonderful friend for over 50 years. Our families grew up together. I will miss him in so many ways. We were kindred spirits with a love of biking and cars and skiing. Carl loved people and was always thinking of ways to help them and enrich their lives. This world is a better place for Carl having been here. He has an amazing legacy. I has been a privilege to have known him and been his friend.
Sincerely Richard Ottosen*

Richard Ottosen - May 02, 2023 at 12:46 PM