



Harry A. Browning Jr.

October 28, 1940 - July 6, 2024

Harry A. Browning, Jr., 83, passed away June 6 in Waterville, WA. He was born in Berkeley, California on October 28, 1940, to his parents, Harry and Esther Browning. The family moved to Grass Valley California, where he graduated from Nevada Union High School in 1958. Following high school he served in the National Guard. Harry began his long banking career at the Mother Lode Bank in Grass Valley and Bank of California in San Francisco. In 1979 he moved his family to Waterville, Washington to be the Cashier of Mid State Bank until his retirement.

Harry married Phyllis Lollich on June 19, 1965, at the First Methodist Church in Grass Valley. They were married for 59 years. The delight of Harry's life was his children, grandchildren, great-grandchildren and many nieces and nephews. Nothing made his eyes light up more than to watch their antics. He faithfully and ferociously followed all their activities.

Harry loved to play golf as often as possible. For 20+ years he played pinochle with friends on his lunch hour, which after retirement became weekly games that expanded to several hours.

Harry and Phyllis discovered the joy of travel and took many road trips, train trips across the US and trips abroad. This spring he traveled to Amsterdam, Croatia and Slovenia with his special group of friends, known on the tour as "Harry and his hareem".

Harry volunteered for the Waterville Lions Club serving Pronto Pups at the fair, and cooking burgers at the ski hill. He also served on the Board of the

Douglas County Hospital District.

Harry is survived by his wife, Phyllis; children: Jim, Derek and Stacey; grandchildren: Katelyn Browning, Bryanna Browning, Kelsey (Tyler) Tollackson, Kayden Browning, adopted granddaughters Taylor Mires and Brooke Husted, and Great-granddaughters: Addilyn Browning-Webster and Timber Tollackson, sister, Shirley Halverstadt and numerous nieces and nephews.

A Celebration of Life service will be held Saturday, July 27, 2024, at 11 a.m., at the Waterville Federated Church, followed by a luncheon. In lieu of flowers, the family suggests donations to the Waterville Ambulance.

Tribute Wall

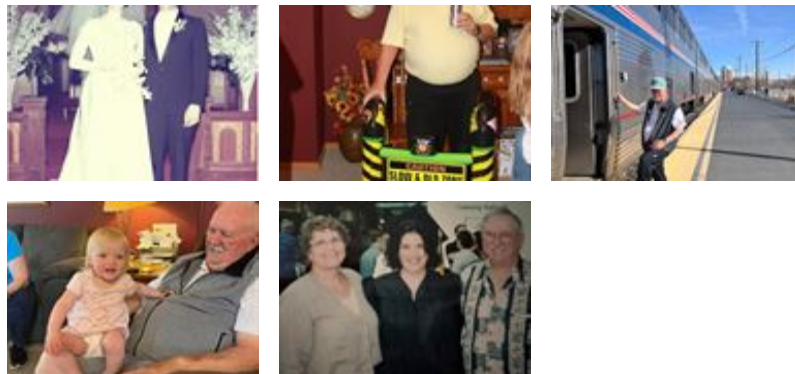


“ Harry was a my mentor and direct supervisor when I went to work for MidState Bank in the 1970’s. I’ll always remember him as kind and understanding, always encouraging to me as I learned the ins and outs of being a teller. I never had a college education and there were some who never missed a chance to let me know I’d never be more than a teller, but not Harry. Harry sat down with me one day and told me he’d had to train a lot college graduates over the years, but he much preferred training someone who had learned to think and reason things out, a step well beyond just “book learning”. His encouragement meant everything to me at that time, and made all the difference in my working future. He was a good and kind man, and every time I make his chalupa recipe, I think of him. May he rest in peace and God bless his soul. My deepest condolences to Phyllis and their beautiful family. Love and blessings, Janis (Wanless) Whipple

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“ No one goes by just the name Uncle, it it is usually Uncle _____, unless you are the best. The best Uncle anyone could ever have. He was always there for my family. I love now and always Uncle!

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“ Condolences to the family. Prayers and blessings to all.

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