

Forrest W. Walls



Forrest passed away peacefully on Oct. 16, 2009 at Evergreen Hospice Center in Kirkland, Washington. He was born 70 years ago in Cedar Falls, Iowa. He grew up on Queen Anne Hill graduating from Queen Anne High School class of 1956, Seattle Pacific University 1960, University of Washington Law School 1963. As a Municipal Finance lawyer he practiced with and was a partner of Preston Gates and Ellis now K & L Gates. After 37 years of practice he retired in 2001. He was well respected and honored by his clients,

partners and colleagues throughout his career in law.

Forrest and Viola were married in 1965, 9 months after meeting at an alumni function. They lived in the same house in Edmonds all of their married life. His pride and joy was his family. Ryan Walls, Bellevue, Aaron Walls his wife Renee and 2 wonderful granddaughters, Riley and Keira, Seattle.

Forrest had many interests. His great love was the outdoors. He began hiking and fishing as an early teenager, then mountain climbing, summiting many of the peaks of Washington, including 5 Rainier summits, McKinley attempt, Mts. in Ecuador and Mexico. There were many family backpack trips, and hiking until his last hike to Ingles Lake last year with the "old guys". The family also sailed together for 25 years.

Forrest was active in church, civic and wilderness organizations. He was an officer and member of several Edmonds citizens groups, and served as Chairman of the Board for the Warm

Beach Senior Community for 20 years. He was a founding member and officer of Alpine Lake Protection Society (ALPS) and Alpine Lakes Foundation. He was active on a number of boards and committees for the First Free Methodist Church and Seattle Pacific University.

Diagnosed 15 years ago with Parkinson's disease, he continued to live a full life with the loving assistance of Vi. He and Vi enjoyed traveling taking trips to Africa, Europe and Peru among others. Forrest is survived by his wife, Vi, his sons, Ryan and Aaron (Renee), granddaughters, Keira and Riley, his father F. Wesley Walls, sister Francine, his brother Burton (Ralene) and many nieces, nephews.

A Memorial Service will be held on Oct. 23, 2009 at the First Free Methodist Church, Seattle at 2:00 p.m.

Memorial may be made to Alpine Lakes Foundation, 1230 16th Ave. E. Seattle, WA 98112, First Free Methodist Church, 3200 3rd Ave. W. Seattle, WA 98119, or F. Wesley Walls and Elizabeth Walls Scholarship Endowment. (Office of Development, SPU, 3307 3rd Ave. W. Seattle, WA 98119.