



Arnold George Barton

March 10, 1932 - February 9, 2024

Arnold "Arnie" George Barton passed peacefully at home in Vancouver, Washington on February 9, 2024 at age 91. Arnie was born in Lewiston, Idaho, to Duley "Doc" Arnold and Helen Ruth (Aldrich) Barton on March 10, 1932. Arnie graduated from Tekoa High School and then attended Washington State University where he met his future wife, Karen Ann Durkee. After graduating with a Bachelor of Architectural Engineering, Arnie and Karen married in Portland, Oregon on June 12, 1955. They spent their early married years in Texas and North Carolina while Arnie was a jet fighter pilot in the United States Air Force. While in Texas, their son, Scott, was born. Having achieved the rank of Captain, Arnie left active duty and the family moved to Portland, Oregon, where their first daughter, Stephanie, was born. During this time, Arnie worked as an architect and studied Norwegian in preparation for a year of living and working in Oslo, Norway, and traveling in Europe. Upon returning to the States, the family moved to Spokane, Washington, where their second daughter, Leslie, completed the family of five. He worked for Whitehouse, Price, DeNeff, gaining more architectural experience until 1964 when he and his partners, William DeNeff and Edward Deeble, Jr., formed their own firm, DeNeff, Deeble, Barton Associates, Architects and Planners. Over the course of a highly successful career, Arnie designed a variety of buildings including community hospitals, nursing homes, medical offices, banks; educational facilities for several Community Colleges and for Washington State University in Pullman; and multiple additions and remodels for the

Hollister- Stier Laboratory. Over the years, Arnie and Karen continued their love of travel, visiting over 30 countries and making friends with fellow travelers and locals, and maintaining those friendships throughout the years. The Bartons also hosted numerous foreign exchange students from around the world, many of whom became family friends, remaining in contact more than 50 years after their first homestays. Arnie enjoyed many different hobbies from making stained glass and jewelry to building a sailboat and a harpsichord. After calling Spokane home for 40 years, Arnie retired and moved with Karen to Vancouver, Washington. There they formed new friendships with neighbors and fellow members of the local Tai Chi group that they joined and participated in for many years. They also continued to explore their lifelong love of art and music by attending local musical productions and as season subscribers to both the Seattle and Portland Operas. Arnie was preceded in death by his parents, his brother, Terrence "Terry" Conway Barton, and his son, Scott. Arnie is survived by his wife, Karen, daughters Stephanie Barton (Andrew Dittman) and Leslie Barton Dolence, grandchildren Oleta Barton, Jesse (Janae) Barton, Adrienne Dittman, Coulter Dittman, Xaavan Dolence, Xaalan Dolence and Xaaran Dolence, and great-grandchildren Taylor Hinshaw, Jaxon Barton, Jace Barton, Jensen Barton, Mabel Morgan, and Margo Morgan.

Tribute Wall

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“ *Arnie was a friend I got to know through tai chi class along with his lovely wife Karen. We sat around the table at coffee shops after our classes on many occasions and that's where I learned that he was a very interesting and smart person who never stopped exploring, pursuing knowledge or trying new things. I know he will be missed and remembered by all who knew him, and especially by his family which he talked about with pride and joy all the time.* ”

Donna LaFaye - February 26, 2024 at 12:00 AM

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“ *We are deeply sorry for your loss ~ Evergreen Memorial Gardens Cemetery, Funeral Chapel and Crematory* ”

A Memorial Tree was planted for Arnold George Barton - February 18, 2024 at 12:00 AM