



## Claude D. Robinson

July 20, 1943 - January 31, 2025

Claude Dougald Robinson was born on July 20, 1943 to Dougald G and Mary Katherine (Trevitt) Robinson of Republic, Washington, while his father was away serving on the naval submarine USS Seawolf in World War II. After his father returned from the war and completed his service, the family ultimately settled on Bainbridge Island where Claude graduated high school in 1961. Claude started college at his parents' alma mater Whitworth University in Spokane, Washington and later completed his education with a Masters in Mechanical Engineering from the University of Washington in 1967. He enlisted and served as an officer the U.S. Marine Corps, and was awarded a Navy Commendation Medal for his heroism and exemplary service in Vietnam.

After returning home, Claude met and married the love of his life, Janet. They welcomed their first child Amy while living in Southern California before ultimately pursuing "the grand adventure" of life in Alaska when Claude accepted a job offer to work on the Trans Alaska Pipeline. That adventure took them first to Fairbanks, and later Valdez, where he and Janet welcomed son, Peter, and daughter, Molly, before they were relocated to Anchorage, and then returned to Fairbanks.

Claude retired from Alyeska Pipeline Service Company in 2002 and moved back home to Washington to be near family. In retirement, Claude enjoyed old trains and machinery of all kinds, learning about genealogy, history, and archaeology, rock hounding and treasure seeking, and, with Janet, daily long

walks along the water and road trips to visit friends and relatives throughout the Pacific Northwest. Claude and Janet also cultivated rich friendships as active members of the church families and local communities they were a part of throughout their life together.

Claude passed away at home in Vancouver, Washington surrounded by his wife and daughters on January 31, 2025. He is survived by his wife of 54 ½ years, Janet, his daughter Amy Robinson of Vancouver, Washington, his son Peter, daughter in law Nicole and beloved grandson Andrew Robinson of Silsbee, Texas, and his youngest daughter Molly Robinson of Vancouver, Washington, as well as his sister Lenore (Robinson) Chambers and her husband Doug of Republic, Washington, and sister Mary Robinson Mohr and her husband Randy of Bellingham, Washington.

A memorial service to celebrate his life will be held at 2:00 pm on Saturday February 22, 2025 at Columbia Presbyterian Church in Vancouver, Washington.

Donations may be made in Claude's name to: North America Indigenous Ministries (NAIM), PO Box 499, Sumas, WA 98295, or online at [www.naim.ca](http://www.naim.ca), General Ministry Fund, (<https://www.naim.ca/donation/general-ministry-fund/>) and include Claude's name in the "additional information" tab at "checkout." Wycliffe Bible Translators, online at [www.wycliffe.org](http://www.wycliffe.org), reference "In Memory of Claude Robinson" Bainbridge High School, Class of '61 Scholarship, c/o Bainbridge Community Foundation, by clicking this link <https://bit.ly/Class61>. Or via the foundations website at <https://bainbridgecf.org/> and select the blue donate button at the top of the page and then select the BHS Class of '61 Scholarship. Checks can be made out to Bainbridge Community Foundation and note that this is for the BHS Class of '61 Scholarship in memory of Claude Robinson.

# Tribute Wall

AN

“ *Deepest sympathy for your loss.*

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**Anonymous** - February 23, 2025 at 12:00 AM

AA

“ *Dear Janet and family,  
We'll miss Claude. He was such a lovely gentleman. So sorry we  
couldn't be at his celebration today, we'll keep your family in prayer.  
Love, Steve, Lori Jo and family*

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**Allisons Allison** - February 22, 2025 at 12:00 AM

CC

“ *When I moved from Ketchikan ,Alaska in my sophomore year of  
high school , my 2 first special friends were Buddy and Bill Yocum.  
Now both are gone. He and Janet had many years together and for  
that we should be grateful. and grateful for all the memories down  
thru the years.  
Rest in Peace, Buddy, you were a special and very caring guy.  
chuckie hattrick (Charleah couckuyt)*

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**Charleah Hattrick- Couckuyt** - February 22, 2025 at 12:00 AM

AN

“ *We miss you. Love, Steve and Lori Jo Allison*

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**Anonymous** - February 22, 2025 at 12:00 AM

SF

“ Love and hugs, The Scotts Joyce, Barb, Jerry, Lisa, Harry, Steve, Cathy, Maggie, Brett and Tiffany



Scott Family - February 19, 2025 at 12:00 AM

TH

“ Both Claude and Janet were dear friends who supported me in Fairbanks in 1976 while I waited the birth of my second son, Jay. Our older son Derek and Amy were often playmates during that time. I've always been so thankful for their friendship even though many years and distances have separated us since then. I know Claude will be sorely missed by all, and I know God will comfort and guide as you navigate life without him till you are reunited in heaven. With Love and compassion, Teena Helmericks.

Teena Helmericks - February 11, 2025 at 12:00 AM

MC

“ Buddy lived up the street from our family. Many memories from cub and Boy Scouts to running around the neighborhood. He was a special guy along with his parents. Wish the best for the family. Mike Clementz

Mike Clementz - February 06, 2025 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 Claude D. Robinson - February 05, 2025 at 12:00 AM