



## David G. Fielder

August 19, 1947 - August 16, 2009

David Fielder, 61, died at his Vancouver, WA home Sunday, August 16, 2009 of brain cancer. He graduated from R.A. Long High School and Washington State University with a degree in Communications. He worked at The Ellensburg Daily Record and was a sports reporter and copy editor at The Columbian for 35 years. The past year he worked as a substitute teacher with the Evergreen School District. Dave was happiest outdoors. He enjoyed hiking, mountaineering, skiing, kayaking, canoeing, hunting, fishing and crewing on The Lady Washington. He also had a passion for Pacific Northwest history and genealogy. Dave leaves his wife, Rachel; his sons, Olin Unterwegner and Peter Fielder; his father, Gordon Fielder; sister, Sherry Travis; his "Other Mother", Lonnie Unterwegner; numerous nieces and nephews and many friends. He was preceded in death by his mother Ruth Fielder. The family wishes to thank Hospice Southwest for making it possible for Dave to spend his last days surrounded by family and friends in the comfort of his home. A celebration of life will be held Saturday, September 12, 2009 at 12:30pm at Evergreen Memorial Gardens, 1101 NE 112th Avenue, Vancouver, WA. Casual attire is requested. In lieu of flowers please consider donations to The Lady Washington at [historicalseaport.org](http://historicalseaport.org) or the Livestrong Foundation at [livestrong.org](http://livestrong.org).

# Tribute Wall



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**Evergreen Memorial Gardens** - July 03, 2025 at 05:28 PM

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“ *Dave shared his passion for climbing with me, and a bit of that has stayed with me every time up since. I suspect the same is true for anyone else he invited along on one of his many adventures.*

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**Howard Buck** - September 12, 2009 at 12:00 AM

SF

“ *Dave was the greatest uncle any "blondie" could have, I will miss him dearly.*

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**Staci Fordahl** - September 11, 2009 at 12:00 AM

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“ *I remember Dave best enjoying the out of doors, rafting with him down the Snake River or skiing in the mountains. He will be missed by the many he touched.*

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**Fay Blackburn** - September 08, 2009 at 12:00 AM