



## Russell Wayne Melton

December 16, 1935 - August 10, 2018

Dr. Russell "Russ" W. Melton passed comfortably at home in Vancouver, WA with family by his side on August 10, 2018 at the age of 82. Russ is survived by his wife of 62 years, Joanne Melton; and his children, Jane Flanagan (Mike, grandchildren Evan, Emily, Elise); Laurie Dupar (Dana, grandchildren Graham, Joanna, Blake, Michelle); Tim Melton (Lisa, grandchildren Alissa, Lauren, Grace); and Russ' brother, Jerry Melton.

Russ was born in Joplin, MO to Hugh and Edna Melton on December 16, 1935.

He had a passion for medicine and pursued his career as a doctor by way of Gonzaga University, the University of Washington School of Medicine and completed his residency in the US Navy. Russ' Naval career recognized his meritorious service and dedication to the US Navy by awarding him the NAVY COMMENDATION MEDAL for his performance, remarkable medical proficiency, and rendering unselfishly the highest possible quality of medical care to military personnel and their families.

Dr. Melton was a member of the Pacific Northwest Obstetrical and Gynecological Association, the American Board of Obstetrics and Gynecology and was a loyal partner of the Vancouver Clinic. He found great joy in his profession and cared deeply for his patients.

Russ' Funeral Mass will take place on August 30th at 11AM at Holy Redeemer Catholic Parish in Vancouver, WA.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to:

Open House Ministries ([www.sheltered.org](http://www.sheltered.org)) or

PeaceHealth Southwest Medical Center (<https://www.peacehealth.org/southwest/hospice>)

# Tribute Wall

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**Tribute Store** - August 29, 2018 at 12:00 AM

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“ It was a joy working with Russ at th VC for many years. He had a great sence of humor. I loved the potlucks that we had at work. I have talked to Doris Wedepohl in Bellingham, she was sorrytohear that he had passed. TThanks Joanne and family for sharing him with us.

*Mindy Ludolph*

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**Mindy Ludolph** - August 20, 2018 at 12:00 AM