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Our hearts mourn the loss of our father, Russell (Russ) Melroy Scarborough, who passed away peacefully Sunday, May 26, 2024, at the age of 81.

Surrounded by his family and friends in his final moments, he was a man who exemplified a life of hard work, dedication to Jesus Christ, a keen mind for learning and cultivating exacting skills in craftsmanship, and a witty sense of humor. He found comfort in utilizing his talents serving and spending time with his family especially if it involved a great game of any kind. Russ is survived by his children and their spouses, Tarja Little (Eric Little), Dr. TJ Scarborough (Emily Scarborough), Sanni Davies (Richard Davies), and Aliisa Guinn; 17 grandchildren; and a brother and sister. A memorial for Russ will be held June 13, 2024, at 12 p.m. at the LDS Chapel, 10509 SE 5th St., Vancouver, WA 98664, with a viewing an hour before. Russ will be laid to rest at Evergreen Memorial Gardens, 1101 NE 112th Ave., Vancouver, WA 98684. Russ was born in Ketchum, ID, to John W. Scarborough and T. Luella Scarborough Nov. 8, 1942. His work ethic was tough to beat. He started his first job in the fourth grade mowing lawns, and he later worked as a caddy at the Sun Valley Golf Course, a stocking clerk at the local Golden Rule Grocery Store (later known as Waisnesgart Super Market) and as a bell hop at the Sun Valley Resort where he made great friends with a few celebrities. After graduating from Hailey High School where he served as senior class president, was a member of the Latin and science clubs, played trombone in the school band and

played forward for the Hailey Wolverines basketball team, Russ enlisted in the Idaho National Guard. After the completion of boot camp, Russ was baptized a member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints and went on to serve as a missionary in the East Central States Mission for two years. When Russ returned home from his mission, he attended BYU in Provo, UT, Weber State College in Ogden, UT, and received his Bachelor's Degree in Biology from Portland State. Russ soon landed a job as a microbiologist at United Medical Laboratories (later known as International Medical and Nuclear). When the lab closed its doors nine years later, Russ went to work for the United States Postal Service where he served residents of Vancouver, WA, for 30 years as a mail carrier. In Russ's spare time he collected Lionel trains, HO scale model trains and built a few layouts. He remodeled homes for family and friends and later on handcrafted treasured toys for his grandchildren. Russ was a dedicated ministering brother, friend, son, brother, and father. For all those who knew and loved him, he will be greatly missed.

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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 Russell Melroy Scarborough - June 06, 2024 at 12:00 AM