



Delbert Leroy Sturgis

July 1, 1936 - August 16, 2021

Delbert Leroy Sturgis, age 85, passed away on August 16, 2021. A proud lifelong resident of Bellingham, Del was born to Roy and Inga Sturgis on July 1, 1936. He attended Bellingham High School. Beginning in 1958, Del worked as a firefighter with the Bellingham Fire Department, retiring in 1988 as Inspector. On New Year's Eve 1981 he joyfully married Nikki Thayer.

A truly good man, Del lived life to the fullest. He had a gentle nature and the courage of his convictions while still being the spirited life of the party. His smile and infectious laugh lit up any room, and to know him was to call him a friend. Del was a passionate, devoted, and loving husband who loved whirling Nikki around the dance floor. He enjoyed taking his family on "no destination" road trips, and together they spent many years volunteering at the Deming Log Show and spending summer days at the lake. Whenever family members had a sporting event, play, or concert they were in, you could count on Del to be there grinning ear to ear. Del was a wonderful listener, a gifted storyteller, and he had a beautiful singing voice. Beginning in the fall with a trip to the pumpkin patch Del made family holiday gatherings special. He could also be found putting in his garden, knocking golf balls around the course, and hunting & fishing.

Del is survived by his loving wife Nikki Sturgis, daughters Marian Lau & Marlin DuBois, grandchildren: Brandon Lau, Alesia Hall (Justin Hall) , Jamie DuBois,

Austin DuBois, great-grandkids: Kameron Lau, Kobie Lau, Kash Lau, Ripley Hall, and numerous nieces and nephews. He is preceded in death by sisters Mildred Orr & Jeanette Dralle, aunt Ruth, and uncles Guy & Gus.

Services will be held at a later date.