



## Jay Edson Hynds

July 13, 1929 - October 29, 2022

Jay Edson Hynds died at Mt. Baker Care Center on October 29, 2022. He was born in Mason City, Iowa, to William Ranson and Mary Ellen (Newcom) Hynds. Seeking a better life, in 1932 the family moved to California, where Jay's sister Sue Lael was born. They settled in Santa Ana, where Jay graduated from Santa Ana High School (1947) and Santa Ana Junior College (1949). He enlisted in the U.S. Air Force in 1951 and served as a crypto analyst with the 6910th Security Group in Germany. Upon discharge from active duty, Jay returned to California State College – Long Beach on the G. I. Bill, majoring in corrections and sociology. After graduation in 1957, he joined the American Red Cross as an assistant field director. In 1959, rather than being sent to Korea, Jay became a deputy probation officer for the County of Orange, California. Rising to the level of division director, he retired in 1986. After moving to Bellingham with his wife, Hazel, Jay served on the Whatcom County Substance Abuse Board, the Whatcom County Sheriff's Citizen Advisory Committee, the Bellingham Herald Reader Advisory Panel, and the Editorial Board, as well as the Whatcom County Civil Service Commission. Jay is survived by his wife of 57 years, Hazel, and his sister's children: Tom, Bill, and Jeff Henning; and Pam Teshima. Jay's final resting place is the Veteran's Flag Plaza at Bayview Cemetery in Bellingham. Off we go, into the wild blue yonder / Climbing high, into the sun ...

# Tribute Wall

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“ And I had the pleasure of working with Jay after he hired me twice at the Orange County probation department in Santa Ana. The first time was in 1967 and he would tease me about being straight out of the cornfields of Iowa. The second time was after after a foray into my life outside corrections. Jay was so kind to work for. He was a steady hand. He often made me blush with his rollicking sense of humor. He was a delight to work for. And a good friend after we both retired. I met Hazel in Bellingham and greatly miss both of them now. They were wonderful people.

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**Jana Rogers** - May 10, 2025 at 12:00 AM

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“ I had the pleasure of working with Jay when I was the editorial page editor of The Bellingham Herald. I looked forward to meeting with Jay every week. We often saw the world differently, but it was rarely difficult for us to find common ground. He respected everyone's point of view and his wisdom often swayed me to his side. He was warm and funny and never missed an opportunity to speak with admiration about Hazel. I am grateful to have known him.

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**Carolyn Nielsen** - April 21, 2024 at 12:00 AM