



## Wayne Arthur Greenough

February 19, 1932 - July 24, 2024

Wayne Arthur Greenough, a cherished family man and accomplished individual, passed away in Bellingham, WA, on July 24, 2024, at the age of 92. Born on February 19, 1932, Wayne was the beloved husband of the late Juantia “June” Greenough and the devoted son of Iva and Bryan Greenough. He was also preceded in death by his sister, Lorraine Wiley.

Wayne was a deeply dedicated family member who imparted his love for movies, comics, and historical memorabilia across generations. He was renowned for his kindness, devotion, and unwavering commitment to family. His legacy of affection and dedication is evident in the hearts of his nieces, great-nieces, great-nephews, and five great-great-great-nieces and -nephews.

Wayne’s professional accomplishments were as varied as his interests. He was a published author of 11 books and an accomplished actor, performing in over 12 plays. His portrayal of “Oscar” in “The Odd Couple” remains one of his most memorable roles. He studied film, TV, and theater under Peter Breck in Vancouver, Canada, focusing on voice-over training in Scottish and French dialects. Wayne’s passion for the arts extended to writing, photography, and filmmaking, enriching the lives of those around him.

A proud graduate of Western Washington University in 1959, Wayne dedicated 31 years of his career to teaching 4th grade at Nooksack

Elementary School. He also served in the US Navy from 1952 to 1954, demonstrating his commitment to service and education.

Wayne's favorite pastimes included writing, collecting comic books, and capturing family moments through photography. His niece, Lora Anne Rawley, fondly recalls Wayne's dedication to preserving family memories, such as a video of her grandchildren on their first birthdays, which now serves as a cherished keepsake.

Wayne is survived by his nieces Diana O'Hara and Lora Anne Rawley; great-nieces Tobi Melton, Tricia O'Hara, and Dina Carpenter; great-nephew Christopher Rawley; great-great-nieces Kaylee Melton and Cara Carpenter; great-great-nephews Jake Melton, Kyle Carpenter, and Brady Carpenter; and many cousins.

In honoring Wayne's memory, we celebrate a life rich with love, creativity, and an enduring legacy for the Greenough and Ferguson families. His impact will continue to resonate through the generations he touched.

Join us for Wayne's Celebration of Life. Date and time to be determined.

# Tribute Wall

JC

“ I remember him as my teacher. He was kind and passionate about his teaching. I often thought about him through the years. Fly High Mr. Greenough!! Fly High!! Prayers to your family left behind.

Jenette Cuellar - August 09, 2024 at 12:00 AM

AE

“ Mr. Greenough was my 6th grade teacher at Everson-Nooksack Elementary School back in 1966. He introduced us to oil-paint-by-number and encouraged reading books of all kinds. When he mentioned that he was in a play, a couple of moms took a group of us girls to see it. I think it was “The Princess and the Pea.” Good memories. My love of writing stems from the assignment he gave for us to write creative fiction. He assembled those stories and poems into an anthology. We all got copies. I wish I still had mine. If you were to ask if I had a favorite teacher, I guess I’d answer that it was Mr. G. A few years ago we connected on Facebook and it was fun to find out that he was still writing! Please accept my sympathy in your loss.

Anita Louise van der Elst - August 08, 2024 at 12:00 AM

DC

“ Onward and Upward Uncle Wayne ! Grandma has been waiting for you. I will never forget all the love and kindness you showed my family. You truly deserved your Great-Great-Great Uncle title! I will always remember you taking photos at my wedding in your bowtie and leather pants! :) Love you forever Dina

dina carpenter - August 07, 2024 at 12:00 AM

MH

“ *He was special to me.* ”

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**Margo Hayden** - August 06, 2024 at 12:00 AM