**In Memoriam**

We lost nine colleagues since we gathered at Salishan in 2019. They will be sorely missed.

**Gary D. Allen**

Gary loved dogs, Dylan, and dialing friends to talk about life. He was a straight-talking man with a generous spirit and a wicked sense of humor.

Gary was in the top rank of his class at Willamette University School of Law, and graduated with a Juris Doctor degree in 1972. After a stint practicing tax law, he turned to workers’ compensation, and was a stalwart of the Workers’ Compensation bar in Salem in the 1980s and 90s. Gary was a devoted husband, loyal friend, and gifted athlete. During his time in Salem he spent many hours on the tennis court, trading soaring lobs and screaming baseline shots with his friend and mentor John Paulus, beloved professor at Willamette Law. After retiring from the practice of law in 1995, Gary and his wife Carol remained active in Salem, and enjoyed the company of family and friends. They moved to Salishan in 1994, and soon found a community of like-minded dog lovers in Friends of Lincoln County Animals (FOLCAS), giving generously of their time and talents to that organization. In August 2020, Gary passed away peacefully in the company of his wife Carol and their beloved dog Sissy, at their tranquil Salishan home. He is survived by Carol, his high school sweetheart and wife of 52 years; and by two sisters, four nephews, and many dear friends who are already missing those wonderful phone calls.

**Frank J. Biehl**

Frank’s commitment and enthusiasm for public service was matched only by his love of all things barbeque.

Frank was born and raised in Portland. He majored in political science at Portland State. He was a member of Local 78 of the Association of Western Pulp and Paper Workers. From 1983 through 1995, he worked full-time during legislative sessions as a lobbyist for the Oregon Pulp and Paper Workers Council of the AWPPW. He also served as a labor representative on the Industrial Accident Advisory Committee from 1983 to 1990 and as a labor representative on the Workers’ Compensation Management Labor Advisory Committee from 1990 to 1996. In 1996, he was appointed to the Workers’ Compensation Board, where he served until his retirement in 2012. Frank was a caring public servant who exemplified the Oregon way in that he was passionate and principled in his beliefs, yet able to disagree without offending. He built many bridges between disparate interests that allowed resolution of difficult issues. He is survived by his wife Jane.

**Edward J. Harri**

As rigorous as Ed was about students and their writing skills, he was even more generous with his time outside of class, available at all hours, it seemed seven days a week.

After graduating from Willamette University School of Law in 1973, Ed returned to teach legal writing and research in 1986. He served as a hearings referee for the Oregon Workers’ Compensation Board from 1988 to 1991. However, his first love was teaching, which led him to turn down a full-time referee job in Eugene. In 1998, and again in 2014, he was selected by students as Teacher of the Year. In 2007, Willamette honored him with an award for excellence in teaching. He served as associate dean at Willamette from 1994 to 1996 and was serving as assistant dean for student affairs when he passed away. He had an active appellate practice and was active in several professional organizations and Oregon State Bar committees including the Legislative Committee of the Workers’ Compensation Section, the Appellate Process Review Committee, and the Amicus Committee of the Oregon Trial Lawyers Association.

**Norman F. Kelley**

Norm had a curious mind and a wonderful memory. He was known for his kindness.

Norm grew up on a farm in Santa Rosa, California and attended a one-room schoolhouse. His family moved to Grants Pass, where Norm graduated from high school. After graduating from college and serving in the Army, he worked as a logger to finance law school at Willamette University. He worked for the State of Oregon as an Assistant Attorney General and as an administrative law judge for worker health and safety. He taught classes in workers’ compensation law at Willamette. He retired in 1997.

**Dwayne R. Murray**

Dwayne loved his alma mater, U of Oregon (GO DUCKS!) and was passionate about boating, especially sailing.

Dwayne graduated from Madison High School in Portland and the University of Oregon. Before entering law school, he worked for Matson Navigation Company in San Francisco and managed a ski lodge in Taos, New Mexico. After earning his law degree from Lewis and Clark Law School in 1974, Dwayne practiced several areas of law. He is remembered best for the many people he helped obtain the benefits they were entitled to through workers’ compensation and the Social Security Disability system. He is survived by his two daughters and eight grandchildren.

**Roderick D. Peters**

Rod loved sports and discussing any game, especially the art of baseball. He had a gift for remembering people, events, facts, and music.

Rod was born in Seattle. He obtained his undergraduate and law degrees from Willamette University. He practiced law for SAIF Corporation. During his college summers, he worked for Yakima County parks and became an avid volunteer and advocate for parks in Oregon. He loved family trips and adventures and traveled to numerous states, national parks, and baseball parks. He was deeply devoted to and loved his family.

**Philip H. Ringle Jr.**

Phil loved collecting violins and tractors and playing with the Oregon Old Time Fiddlers.

Phil graduated from Salem High School and Willamette University School of Law. When he started practicing law, circuit courts were still adjudicating workers’ compensation claims. *See In re Satterfield*, 1 Or App 524 (1970) (reversing the circuit court’s judgement denying the plaintiff’s claim and remanding for reinstatement of the hearing officer’s decision). Phil proudly represented claimants. He is survived by his wife, Marva Fabien, his daughter, grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

**Thomas M. Sheridan**

Tom lived each day to the fullest, sharing his kindness and humor with all he met. He loved his children.

Tom was born in Salem. He graduated from Sacred Heart High School, Notre Dame University, and The Northwestern School of Law at Lewis and Clark College. He practiced workers’ compensation law with his partner, David Levine, for twenty-five years. He was a devoted father, music lover, sports fanatic, and had an adventurous spirit. When Tom learned that his illness would end his life, he simply went on as he had before. He went to work, he talked with his children, he went home, and then he came back to work the next day. In reflecting on his life, he shared that he had had a good life and was proud of his children and his work as a lawyer.

**Honorable Robert D. Wollheim**

Bob lived by the words “Justice, justice, shalt thou pursue,” and “Do justice, love kindness, and walk humbly with your God.”

Bob came to Reed College in 1966 from the South Side of Chicago. In 1967, he refused military induction as a way to help end an unjust war. Bob’s trier of fact, the Honorable Gus Solomon, twice urged him to become a conscientious objector. Bob declined. He claimed that nobody who grew up where he did could be a pacifist. He was convicted and sentenced to eighteen months. After he served almost five months in a federal prison in Arizona, his conviction was reversed by the U.S. Supreme Court decision that voided the Selective Service System’s practice of reclassifying and drafting resisters. Bob’s felony conviction was expunged.

Bob returned to Portland, worked as a Legal Aid assistant on prison conditions lawsuits, and graduated from Portland State University. He earned his J.D. from Lewis and Clark in 1983. He clerked for the Oregon Court of Appeals and then joined Welch Bruun and Green. Governor Kitzhaber appointed him to the appellate bench in 1998. By the time he retired in 2014, he had authored well over 500 opinions, including 41 dissents. He was inordinately proud of his dissents, especially the Supreme Court reversal rate of the cases in which he dissented (10/41). Bob was fiercely loyal to the working people of Oregon. He did yeoman’s work to correct injustice to disabled workers denied workers compensation, social security disability, or financial recovery for tortious personal injury. In 1998, PCUN honored him for his tireless advocacy. He is survived by his three children and his ex-wife Karen, with whom he remained close.