

Robert Shannon, Founder of Shannon & Associates, Passes Away at the Age of 94

It is with deep sorrow that we must announce the passing of one of the founding owners of Shannon & Associates, LLP. Bob Shannon peacefully passed away on April 24, 2014, at the age of 94.

Robert Eugene Shannon was born in Aberdeen, WA on January 27, 1920. He graduated from Aberdeen High School in 1937, winning state championships in both tennis and swimming. He enrolled at the University of Washington in 1940. But in 1941, World War II interrupted his studies. Bob joined the Navy and by 1942 he had earned his wings. He served in active duty as a pilot, instructor and Commanding Officer of Squadron VF891. He remained in the Naval Reserve for 20 years and achieved the rank of Commander. Later, he returned to the University of Washington, graduating in 1947, and became an Associate Lecturer. During this time he was building Shannon & Associates, a Puget Sound's Top 25 CPA firm. Bob also co-owned Kent Licensing Agency, an auto licensing subagent for the WA State Department of Licensing, and co-founded and served as President Emeritus of the WA Association of Vehicle Subagents.

Bob Shannon's integrity, hard work and amiable manner have contributed to a lifetime of loyal clients for Shannon & Associates. The harmonica-playing CPA was known far and wide for his service to clients and love of music. He worked endless hours to solve his client's accounting problems. He was always willing to accommodate people, if someone came to him with a problem, he would do whatever it took to solve it for them.

Dedicated to serving the City of Kent, Bob was a member (and past president) of Kent Kiwanis for over 50 years, co-founder (and past president) of Meridian Valley Country Club, and an active member of St. James Episcopal Church. The City of Kent honored him by naming January 27th "Robert E. Shannon Day."

Bob enjoyed playing the piano and harmonica, and his hobbies included racquetball and swimming. He kept in contact with his war buddies through active participation in the First Friday Club of Retired Navy Pilots, the Tailhook Association, and planning Squadron reunions with his wife, Dorothy, always including both pilots and spouses.

He was a loving family man and is a great loss to those left here and a significant gain to those in Heaven. He will be dearly missed, but we are grateful he is no longer in pain and now at peace. A celebration service will be held at St. Thomas Episcopal Church in Medina (<http://www.stthomasmedina.org>) on Saturday, May 3rd at 3:00 pm with a reception to follow. In lieu of flowers, donations to the American Red Cross would be appreciated. For more information and to leave a message for the family please visit: <http://www.legacy.com/obituaries/seattletimes/obituary.aspx?n=Robert-Shannon&pid=170868788#sthash.7Zy0Ac4Z.dpuf>