



Charles Macaulay - A Rotary Tribute

Charles "Chuck" Macaulay, was a member of our club from 1964 until just a few years ago.

Chuck was born in Whatcom County and grew up on the family homestead near Deming. He enlisted in the Army at the age of 17 and became a parachute instructor. When World War II ended, he returned to Deming and married Maggie. Together for more than 50 years, Chuck and Maggie lived in north Everett and raised two sons.

Chuck was in the real estate appraisal profession and founded his own company Macaulay & Associates in Everett in 1962 and ran it for well over 50 years, later handing the reins over to his son Bob.

Chuck specialized in unique types of real estate appraisals such as airports, dams, mining claims, inaccessible forestland, and complex projects under construction. He often worked with local improvement districts (LIDs) and was one of the preeminent authorities in the state working on this type of real estate for city, state and local governments. He co-authored a manual on LIDs that is still widely relied upon by property owners, government personnel, judges, engineers and attorneys.

For many years, he could be found swimming in the early morning hours at the Everett Elks Club. Many of these friends, acquaintances, and their pets were welcomed into the inviting atmosphere of his corner office, which was complete with a fireplace, comfy couch, wet bar, private restroom, and, over the years, several office cats.

Chuck led a remarkable 98-year life to the fullest. There are plenty of stories of Chuck bellying up to the bar at Jack's Restaurant, relaxing with friends and colleagues at the Cascade Club, or even just holding court in his corner office, enjoying life and serving everyone drinks -- a welcoming and inviting ritual he called "having a wee nip".

Chuck is survived by his son Bob and was predeceased by his wife Maggie and son Brian.

A moment of silence for our fellow Rotarian Chuck Macaulay.

(After the moment, ring the bell lightly.)