



Hardy Roy Yates (1939–2025)

PREAMBLE

Hardy Roy Yates was born on February 25, 1939, in Ketchikan, Alaska, to Signe and Hardy Yates. He grew up in Seattle and graduated from Ballard High School in 1957, where he excelled academically, and athletically as a member of the football team. Roy went on to attend the University of Washington, earning his degree in 1961, and later completed advanced studies at the Pacific Coast Banking School.

During his time at the University of Washington, Roy met the love of his life, Barbara Beach, in a speech class. They married in December 1960 and embarked on a remarkable 64-year partnership grounded in faith, family, service, and community. Together they raised three daughters—Melissa, Kathleen, and Susan—and later celebrated the arrival of eight grandchildren, all of whom were a source of deep pride and joy.

Roy built a distinguished career in banking and finance, beginning with Seattle-First National Bank (later Bank of America) and continuing at Frontier Bank, where he served as Senior Vice President and led the private banking division. Known for his financial expertise, professionalism, and personal warmth, Roy earned the respect of colleagues, clients, and community leaders alike. He also shared his knowledge by teaching finance courses at Everett Community College, supporting the educational development of local students.

Beyond his professional success, Roy gave decades of extraordinary service to the Everett community. He served 19 years on the Everett School Board, where his financial insight and steady leadership helped guide the district through periods of growth and change. And earlier, in the 1980s, he served as a gubernatorial appointee to the Board of Trustees of Everett Community College, helping lead the college through pivotal years.

Roy was a dedicated and influential member of the Rotary Club of Everett. As Club President for the 2007–2008 Rotary year, he offered thoughtful leadership grounded in Rotary's motto, *Service Above Self*. His service extended well beyond his

presidency—he remained an active and supportive Past President, regularly participating in meetings and welcoming new members.

He also played vital leadership roles with organizations central to Everett’s civic life, including the YMCA of Snohomish County, where he served as Trustee and was honored as the Everett Branch’s Philanthropy Volunteer of the Year in 2024. At Imagine Children’s Museum, Roy supported major expansion efforts and championed programs benefiting generations of children. He was also an officer of the Howarth Trust, guiding charitable investments that strengthened key community institutions.

A man of deep faith, Roy was a longtime member of First Presbyterian Church of Everett, where he and Barbara found fellowship, purpose, and enduring friendships. He was known for his kindness, integrity, generosity, and the genuine joy he brought to his relationships. Friends valued his steady presence—whether at the YMCA each morning, Rotary each week, or family gatherings at Camano Island, Lake Chelan, or Hawaii.

Roy passed away peacefully on October 17, 2025, just eight months after Barbara’s passing. His life leaves an indelible legacy in Everett—through the institutions he strengthened, the people he mentored, and the example he set. His life’s story is one of community, commitment, and quiet leadership, and Everett is better for the decades he devoted to it.

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, Roy Yates was a respected community leader whose lifelong service strengthened the civic, educational, and charitable institutions of Everett; and

WHEREAS, Roy Yates was a devoted husband, father, grandfather, and friend, whose kindness, integrity, and steady wisdom enriched the lives of all who knew him; and

WHEREAS, Roy Yates gave extraordinary service to education through nearly two decades on the Everett School Board and his tenure on the Everett Community College Board of Trustees; and

WHEREAS, Roy Yates lived Rotary's guiding ideal, *Service Above Self*, including through his leadership as President of the Rotary Club of Everett during the 2007–2008 Rotary year; and

WHEREAS, Roy Yates provided invaluable leadership to organizations such as the YMCA of Snohomish County, Imagine Children's Museum, First Presbyterian Church of Everett, and the Howarth Trust; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that Rotary President Kelli Thode be charged with placing a copy of this Resolution in the hands of Roy's family so they may know of both the high esteem in which we hold Roy and the great fondness in our hearts for his memory.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Rotary Club of Everett, united here together, observe a moment of silence for our departed friend Roy Yates.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I affix my hand this _____ Day of _____, _____:

Robert Bavasi, Everett Rotary Resolutions Chair

ATTEST

Kelli Thode, Everett Rotary President

Neil Angst, Everett Rotary Secretary