



Fredric P. Sjolholm (1935–2025)

TRIBUTE

Fredric Parry Sjolholm was born on July 10, 1935 in the Skokomish Valley in Mason County, Washington. There he grew up on his family's farm and attended a two-room primary school. He graduated from Irene Reed High School in Shelton in 1953. He then attended Seattle Pacific University before transferring to the University of Washington, where he earned a degree in accounting in 1957.

While at Seattle Pacific, Fred worked on the school newspaper and there met JoAnne Pearson, the paper's editor. Their shared passion for journalism sparked a romance, leading to their marriage in 1959 and settlement in Everett where they raised their family.

Fred worked as an accountant and financial planner in Everett, eventually becoming the senior partner at Hascal, Sjolholm & Company, the largest locally owned certified public accounting firm in Snohomish County. Throughout his career, he assisted numerous businesses and individuals with financial navigation and investments, earning a reputation for honesty and compassion.

Upon his retirement from Hascal, Sjolholm, the firm honored him with a sizeable donation to the Everett Rotary Youth Foundation, establishing an ongoing scholarship in his name intended for a student who is interested in pursuing a career in accounting or financial management.

Fred served as treasurer for the Everett First Covenant Church for many years, quietly managing finances with dedication.

He was a longstanding member of our Rotary Club, where he served as treasurer, oversaw finances and endowments, and was instrumental in investment strategies for the club. He was instrumental in investing our Youth Foundation funds, growing the trust to over \$7 million, which enabled the club to award more than \$390,000 in scholarships annually and nearly \$6 million historically.

Fred and JoAnne hosted Rotary exchange students from Japan, South Africa, Sweden, and Australia during their time in Everett. These international visitors became like extended family, enriching their home with cultural exchanges.

They have three adult children, Paul, Pamela, and Christopher, and also endured the heartbreaking loss of their infant son Donald in 1969. After their children grew up, Fred and JoAnne traveled extensively around the world. In 2005, upon Fred's retirement, they moved to Mercer Island.

Fredric passed away on December 6, 2025, at the age of 90. A memorial service was held on January 5, 2026, at Highland Covenant Church in Bellevue.

Please stand and observe a moment of silence for our departed fellow Rotarian Fred Sjöholm.

Date

Robert Bavasi, Everett Rotary Resolutions Chair