



## Robert Louis Brizee

June 17, 1933 - June 28, 2016

Dr. Robert "Bob" Brizee, a 47-year Wenatchee resident, retired pastor and psychological counselor, joined his Lord and Savior on Tuesday, June 28, 2016 at the age of 83. He died at his home with family by his side.

Bob was born on June 17, 1933 in Twin Falls, Idaho, the second son of Harry Alfred and Lucile (Cartwright) Brizee. He graduated from Buhl High School in 1949. Bob loved learning and continued his education at Idaho State University, graduating in 1953. He married Patricia Stout in Pocatello, Idaho in June of 1953. Bob went on to earn a master's degree in sociology at the University of New Mexico in 1954 and from 1954 to 1959 he attended Michigan State University where he completed a PhD in psychological counseling. His schooling was interrupted while he served in the United States Marine Corps from 1958 to 1959. Bob continued his military service with the Air Force Reserve's until 1964.

Bob began his career at Washington State University as a Staff Counselor and Instructor in the Department of Psychology from 1959 to 1963. Pursuing his passion for lifelong learning, he went on to earn a Master's of Theology at the Claremont School of Theology in 1966. From 1966 to 1969 Bob served as a pastor at the United Methodist Church in Mercer Island, WA and then at the First United Methodist Church in Wenatchee from 1969 to 1970. In 1970, Bob returned to private practice and established the first psychological counseling center in Wenatchee. He married Adrienne Anderson in August of 1974 and together they worked as a husband-and-wife counseling team. One of Bob's

passions was writing; he was the proud author of several books and academic articles. Bob was passionate in his efforts to make the world a better place. Bob is survived by his wife, Adrienne Brizee; daughters Judy (Brizee) Seraphin and Joy Brizee; step-daughters Julie (Anderson) Blume and Valerie (Anderson) Fox; brother, Harold Brizee; grandchildren, Courtney and Kyle Blume and Sam and Hallie Fox; nephew Allen Brizee and niece Rebecca Brizee.

Bob was preceded in death by his parents; brother, Harry A. Brizee, Jr. and nephew, Jeffery Brizee.

The family would especially like to thank Dr. Peter Rutherford, Leah Wells, Karen Wiggum, Dave and Ginger Phillips and De and Eric Rainbolt along with so many other special friends too numerous to list who have provided assistance, companionship and support during this difficult time.

Remembrances in honor of Bob may be made to the First United Methodist Church or to the charity of your choice.

A funeral service will be held at the First United Methodist Church in Wenatchee on Saturday, July 9th at 2pm. You are invited to view his online guestbook at: [www.HeritageMemorialChapel.com](http://www.HeritageMemorialChapel.com) . Arrangements are assisted by Heritage Memorial Chapel, East Wenatchee.

# Tribute Wall

JQ

“ At Advisory Board meetings of Process & Faith and the Center for Process Studies in Claremont, CA, I interacted with Bob and Adrienne many times after 1983. My enduring memory of Bob is of someone who was never-faillingly prepared, clear, precise, joyous, hopeful, helpful--a saint in my book. His endless efforts to make process theology and spirituality accessible are greatly appreciated. For example, "Hope lies...in the new creative moments after the broken dream, reversal, or accident, a new possibility in each moment...saved everlastingly" (Reflections on the Relational Vision, p. 2).

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**John W. Quiring** - July 11, 2016 at 03:29 PM

LG

“ Bob was a great friend at the Columbia chorale for over 20 years. Besides singing alongside him, I often enjoyed seeing him in town where we could talk politics, life, and our much varied religions. I know I will miss him much.

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**Larry Glickfeld** - July 10, 2016 at 12:17 AM

NF

“ Bob showed us paths we had never known through his teachings, his music, his friendship. He modeled love, compassion, understanding. He allowed and encouraged all to travel through their process, in their time while he walked beside them with his encouraging words. He was humble and open while accepting. His drive to learn and share his learning was inspiring. Our lives are rich for the knowing of Bob, a friend who will whisper in our ears forever. Thank you Bob. Our love and prayers are with you Adrienne and family as you heal.

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**Neil and Lynne Fuller** - July 09, 2016 at 12:13 AM

DC

“ *Adriene and family  
Sorry to hear of Bob's passing, but he is now home with family and our God whom he loved and serve daily right up to he was called home. You all are in my thoughts and prayers.*

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**Doug Countryman** - July 05, 2016 at 10:49 AM

EP

“ *When I started attending First United Methodist Church, I came in, sat in my pew all alone and Bob came and sat with me and welcomed me to the church. I will always remember this kind and caring man, so full of love, life and compassion. My sympathy to his wife and family during this very difficult time. Bob will be greatly missed.*

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**Ellen Park** - July 04, 2016 at 01:16 PM

RT

“ *The man who broght me healing and the ability to love myself.  
Love, Richard (Dick)*

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**Richard (Dick) Tonseth** - July 04, 2016 at 01:15 PM

BK

“ *My prayers are with Adrienne and Bob's family. Bob made such an impact not only on my life, but so many others. He truly embraced love, gentleness, humor, and wisdom. I will miss him so much, and will always keep him in my heart. The world is a gentler place because of Bob.*

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**Billi Kraft** - July 03, 2016 at 11:46 AM

BB

“ My condolences to Adrienne and all of Bob's beloved family, friends and community. Bob's welcome when I married his brother, Harry, will always be a fond memory for me. Family, whether they are "blood" relatives or "family of the heart" are the greatest blessing that we have along life's journey!!

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**Becky Wright Brizee** - July 02, 2016 at 02:07 PM

CZ

“ I will miss our monthly phone conversations. He was always positive and upbeat and grateful to have been blessed with a full and happy life. Truly an inspiration and brought much joy to this world. Breath easy my friend. Caroline Zeigler/AlphaNet

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**Caroline Zeigler** - July 01, 2016 at 10:59 AM

JS

“ *Memories of Dad:*  
*Hiking*  
*Shoveling snow*  
*Going to the dump*  
*Family camping trips*  
*Painting the house*  
*(I think he really wanted a boy)*  
*Wenatchee Community theatre production of "Music Man"*  
*Bike Rides*  
*Summer nights sitting on the front porch sharing a hostess cupcake*  
*Watching "Laugh-in"*  
*Reading MAD magazine*  
*Vacation Bible School*  
*Christmas Caroling*  
*And My Favorite memory with Dad -*  
*Getting dressed up on Saturday mornings and sitting in the church*  
*balcony watching him perform weddings!*  
*I love you Dad, I will miss you terribly.*  
*Judy*

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**Judy Brizee Seraphin** - July 01, 2016 at 10:38 AM

KM

“ *Bob was a wonderful, inspiring role model for kindness and peace. He touched many people's lives with his kindness, wisdom and humor. Bob was a respected and much-loved community leader.*

*Bob's work will continue through people whose lives he touched.*

*Bob is in my heart and will never be forgotten.*

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**Kathleen Miller** - June 30, 2016 at 11:51 AM

HB

“ Bob was my middle brother, my oldest taught me how to be rough and tumble, Bob taught me how to be a more gentle man. He taught me how to tie a tie and tuck in my shirt, in other words he taught me the gentler ways of living. May his soul rest in peace, his counsel will be missed. I know he served the Wenatchee community well.

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**Harold Brizee** - June 29, 2016 at 02:12 PM

MG

“ I'm sorry for the loss of your dear loved one, Robert, and may you be comforted by the God of all comfort, Jehovah, thru his word the holy bible at Psalms 34:18: Jehovah is close to the brokenhearted; He saves those who are crushed in spirit. God's word also says in Isaiah 25:8: He will swallow up death forever, And the Sovereign Lord Jehovah will wipe away the tears from all faces...For the Sovereign Lord Jehovah has spoken it. (Psalms 83:18) Revelation 21:3-5./ John 5:28,29; John 11:25,26.

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**Mrs. Ganaway** - June 29, 2016 at 01:36 PM

LD

“ Dr. Brizee was my counselor when I was a teenager. He helped me through many difficult times in my life, and I will always hold him in very high esteem. My deepest condolences to all who loved him.

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**Lori DeWitz** - June 29, 2016 at 01:34 PM