

Clyde Revord sells cars: Bill Wolfenbarger works in broadcasting

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Clyde Elsid Revord was born December 14, 1935 in Raymond to Carl and Belvie Revord.

During his years at Raymond high school, Clyde was active in school plays, football, and track, and Hi-y boys club. He was also student director and business manager of the band. He graduated from RHS in 1953 with a class of 52 students.

In 1954, just one year after graduating, Clyde married Betty Price. They had four children and adopted a fifth.

He went to work for Gurr & Sons Contractors in Raymond, becoming a carpenter. He and his family moved to Tacoma in 1961, and Clyde began selling cars for Russ Dunsmire Oldsmobile. In 1963 he became their sales manager. He stayed there until 1980, when he was recruited by Oldsmobile Division of General Motors to be their dealer in Everett.

Clyde bought what is known as Clyde Revords Motors and built a house on Lake Stevens. He became the Mitsubishi dealer in 1984 and brought the property next door to the other dealership. Later he brought the Dodge, Chrysler dealership in Burlington.

Clyde said, "My present interests are hunting, fishing, boating and shooting trap. My sons Mark and Jon and myself race Go-Karts. We have traveled all over the United States with the Go-Karts from 1973 to the present. It's a sport I took up in Raymond in 1959."

Clyde said he has also traveled all over the world and also likes to travel in his motor home.

Clyde and Betty eventually divorced. He married his present wife Mary in 1994. He said, "we bought a home on Camano island where we enjoy crabbing, clamming, and beautiful sunsets. Our second home is in Winthrop, where I like to hunt and snow mobile. Between the two of us we have fourteen grandchildren and two great grandchildren.

William J. (Bill) Wolfenbarger was born April 12, 1945. In Raymond and so was David and Helen Wolfenbarger. Bill grew up in Raymond with his two sisters: Phebe, who lives in Raymond and works for the legislature and Cara, who lives in Olympia and works for the legislature.

Bill remembers two incidents from his elementary school days in Riverview. "One time Philip Millam ripped my shirt off," he said. "and another time Mrs. Haerling put tape on my mouth for talking in class, and I had to go home for lunch with the tape on.

In junior high school Bill remembers listening to the new Elvis song "jailhouse rock" in class.

He mentions two high school teachers who made an impression on him. "Dean McCoy was a good math teacher," he said. "Mr. Halpin knew how to set us straight when we were disrupting the class." He said, "taking band helped to shape my future by steering me away from musical endeavors because I had no musical talent! There were a lot of really good musicians in there!"

After graduating from RHS, Bill went to the University of Washington for 2 ½ years. "But I discovered that girls were more fun than calculus," he said. "I fell in love and got married." His first marriage only lasted six years, but he said, "It gave me two beautiful daughters." His oldest daughter JoDeana Christine is now 36. She has two children and lives in Lynwood with her husband Rick. She runs the northwest's premiere leather care operation. His second daughter Deborah Anne is now 32 and also lives in Lynwood with her husband Marty. She recently entered a new career in real estate.

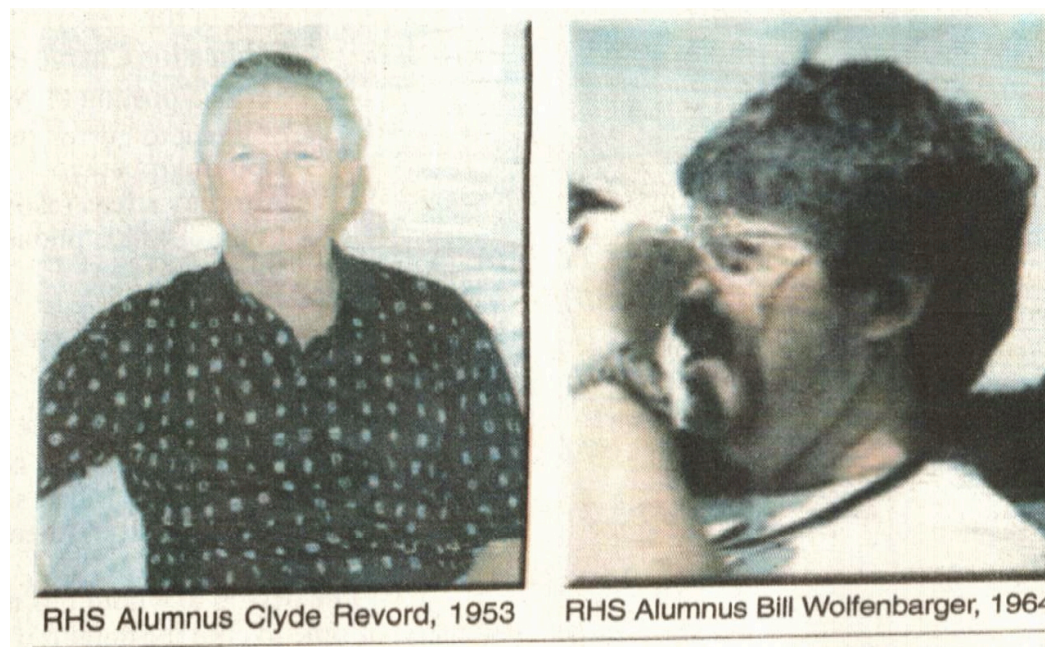
Bill married his present wife Susan in 1974. They have a daughter Shary Marie, who is 25 and lives in Bellingham. She works for a commercial real estate firm.

Bill later took numerous college courses at several community colleges mostly oriented toward business and political science.

He worked in broadcasting from high school through 1979, was in broadcast product sales from 1979 to 1982, then he was a business owner from '83 to 1990, and returned to broadcast product sales from 1992 to 1998. Bill returned to broadcasting in 1997 with the purchase of one radio station and the construction of another one. He currently owns three radio stations in Grays Harbor/Pacific County Area (KSWW-FM, KJET-FM, AND KBKW-AM).

Bill says he has traveled on business, "to the four corners of the continental U.S. plus Alaska and Parts of Canada." As for personal travel, Bill says, "The farthest away Susan and I have lived was the long 17 months we lived in Santa Clara, CA. We returned to the northwest to be closer to families. Other than the California, experience, virtually all of the past years has been in or near Seattle, graduating the past several years closer and closer to home, ending up in Aberdeen, with our present business operation."

Bill's advice to this year's seniors is, "Spend more time on things and utilize your thinking powers, and time on the easy stuff. Getting through high school is only the beginning of a long-term learning experience, which will end only when you do."



RHS Alumnus Clyde Revord, 1953

RHS Alumnus Bill Wolfenbarger, 1964