



Fred McFarland

Fred J. McFarland, who served for 24 years on the board of Stevens Hospital in Edmonds, died Sept. 16 at his home in Lynnwood. He was 63. McFarland's death was announced at a hospital board meeting Sept. 17 by Steve McCary, the hospital's president and chief executive. "The hospital lost a dear friend, as did I," McCary said. McFarland began his tenure on the public hospital's board in January 1976.

At his request, there will be no memorial service, said his daughter, Amy McFarland. He will be buried at Edmonds Memorial Cemetery in a private ceremony to be held today. In lieu of flowers, she said, donations may be made to the St. Jude Children's Research Hospital in Memphis, Tenn.

McFarland had lived in Snohomish County since 1957. He was a graduate of Edmonds [Sr.] High School and a member of its first graduating class in 1958. He attended what was then Everett Junior College.

He worked as a disc jockey at Everett radio station KRKO, said his sister, Patty Miller of Tacoma. In the mid-1960s, he went to work for the Boeing Co., joining four other family members. "It was a kind of a Boeing family," Miller recalled. McFarland worked in the company's Renton offices until the opening of Boeing's Everett facility in the late 1960s, working as a special studies analyst and industrial engineer.

His interest in health care issues began when he was a member of the Health Planning Council of Snohomish County. McFarland's tenure on the hospital board ended in early 2000, after losing in the 1999 primary election to Deana Knutsen. "He took it seriously and enjoyed it," Miller said of her brother's work on the board. She remembered her brother as someone who played many pranks on her as a child. "For him to have done all those things, we were still close and loved and respected each other," Miller said.

McFarland had an avid interest in local and world affairs, politics and government. After retiring, he used his computer to research topics of interest..... [here the submitted newspaper clipping was torn away, insufficient to quote]

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