



WITH HEAVY HEARTS, WE SAY FAREWELL TO PHIL CLOWARD

It is with much sadness we inform you of the passing of our good friend and Whatcom County Farm Forestry Chapter Vice-President, *Phil Cloward*. Phil was 83 years of age when he lost his battle with cancer.

He was active on our Board leadership since 2017, helped with field tours, was one of our forester experts at the Annual Tree Sale, was a member of the Whatcom County Forestry Advisory Committee and participated in many Chapter events over the years. He will be remembered for his long-time participation in the Annual 5th Grade (was 6th grade) Conservation Outdoor Tour, where since the 1990's, he spoke to hundreds of students about forest products and forestry tools.

Phil had a long, varied career as a forester and logger, holding numerous positions with several employers. In their retirement Phil and Joanne lived in the Kendall area, but really never retired. He gave so much to others in his community. He was actively involved with the Black Mountain Forestry Center, giving tours of the Center and Woods tours up on Black Mountain, all the while sharing his vast knowledge of forestry. For the last several years he did most of the maintenance, set up displays, and gave tours at the Center. His good friend *Dan Koehler* commented, "Phil was a walking encyclopedia of forestry knowledge and local history when he spoke to people."

The Peaceful Valley Community meant so much to Phil and he gave much of his time to improve this rural area. A few of the activities he was involved in were: lobbying for the East Whatcom Regional Resource Center, Commissioner for the Water District 13, and working with the Mount Baker High School Agriculture Program. With Mt. Baker H.S., he helped to build woodsheds for the community so neighbors would have dry firewood and reduce local pollution, and was part of a committee that formed a firewood sales cooperative. The number of ways Phil gave to the local and forestry communities was endless. Phil was always thinking of new ideas and projects. His latest was a process to convert logging slash into wood pellets for cleaner burning home stoves.

**We will miss Phil who was a big part of
our Chapter and community.**