

OBIT ideas from Peter Vandegrift
 some important remembrances from my life.....January 29, 1995

Born July 12, 1924 in Bartlesville, OK to Leroy & Zella.
 Attended St. John's Roman Catholic parochial school 5th thru 9th
 grades. Remember Sisters Aurelia and Marcella with greatest
 respect. Graduated high school June 1942
 Army 1943-46, Pacific Theater, Combat Star, received direct
 commission, after BSEE, as 2nd Lt. in SigC reserves.
 Oklahoma State MSEE 1950, Sigma Tau, Eta Kappa Nu.
 Boeing engineer/supervisor 1950-1986, Wichita, Seattle..retired
 as E-3/E-6 Wiring Design Manager....

My family: firmly the most important part of my life. Met wife
 Claree at Stillwater (Oklahoma A&M) in 1946 - in a swimming pool.
 Married August 4th, 1948. A more loving, tolerant, supportive
 partner, more ethical-conscientious-harder working person I've
 never known...I've always been very proud of our three sons:
 Eric, Bart, and Kirk - as well as their spouses Debra & Mauricia
 whom Claree & I have grown to love... Their school
 accomplishments, Scouting, athletics, and subsequent careers have
 been most satisfying. Claree & I are thoroughly enjoying our
 genealogical research activities. Really pleased Claree has
 researched to qualify as a DAR - several times...

Church related activities at Wichita, Mercer, and Whidbey Island
 include: Presbyterian Deacon, Trustee, and ruling Elder. More
 recent Episcopal activities included; Licensed Lay
 Reader/Eucharistic Minister, Parish Delegate, twice member Senior
 Warden. Was elected diocesan member of St. Marks Cathedral
 Chapter. Served twice as a reader for the national ordination
 examinations. Concluded someone has to do "Churchwork", and
 have been most satisfied with it.

Extremely active both as a youth and as an adult in Boy Scouting.
 Was in both scouting and explorers in Oklahoma. Served in many
 adult positions while living on Mercer Island. Was Scoutmaster
 of Troop 624, Post Advisor of Post 624, Cascade District
 Commissioner, and an Assistant Commissioner for the Chief Seattle
 Council. Was honored with the Cascade District Award of Merit,
 and the national Silver Beaver award for service to scouting.

My personal interests over the years have included: genealogy,
 bird hunting, investment club, fishing of all kinds, climbing
 with Seattle Mountaineers, gentleman stockman on Whidbey Island,
 learning to use a personal computer, investing skills, life-long
 interest in reading, kite flying, traveling/camping in our 5th
 wheeler travel trailer, and most especially RETIREMENT!!

Other miscellaneous community activities included: YMCA Indian
 Guides Federation Chief in Wichita, 4X4 Search & Rescue
 Operations Team Leader & King County Deputy Sheriff, coaching in
 both boys club football and soccer teams.