

In Memoriam of Former PNBOA Members

This page is dedicated to former Members of the PNBOA whom have passed away.

The PNBOA takes great pride in recognizing and remembering all of the Members coming before us. We know the PNBOA would not be the premier Organization it is today without the pride, dedication and commitment of these amazing people!

Joe Thompson, 1947 - 2018

Joe was an official for the PNBOA for 36 years starting in 1982. As a Varsity official he worked thousands of games and he refereed 15 state tournaments working the finals in most of those years.

Joe was a leader for the PNBOA. Joe served many years as a board member and was a past president of the PNBOA. He gave back in many ways to the membership. He nurtured and fostered many officials over the 36 years. He ran and was a clinician for the PNBOA camp. The Metro coaches requested him to be assigned to their games because he knew how to manage a game.

Joe was the WIAA District 2 officials' representative for many years. He was a true leader on the basketball court.

Joe began officiating in 1972. In additions to the PNBOA his many accomplishments include;

- Women's Division I, II, III, NAIA, and Community College Referee
- Three Division I NCAA Regional Games
- Multiple GNAC Championships
- SOWB Board Member and Varsity Official
- Clinician for West Coast Officials Camps, Great Northwest Athletic Conference, SOWB, Snohomish County Officials Camps, and many other throughout Washington State

Joe Graduated from Drake University. He had five children Ryan, Hillary, Vanessa, Sean, and Sara and seven grandchildren.

Joe was a true ambassador to the PNBOA and all officiating in the state of Washington. He will be sorely missed!

Bob Carter, 1944 - 2014

Robert ("Bob") A. Carter, Jr., 69, of Brier, Washington, passed away peacefully and surrounded by family on January 13, 2014. Born July 10, 1944,

Bob was born and raised in Seattle and graduated from Ingraham High School in 1962. He joined the [U.S. Navy](#) and served in Vietnam, returning to Seattle after his honorable discharge in 1967.

He married his incredible wife Cathy in 1969.

Bob worked tirelessly as an electrician and plant manager for the State of Washington Department of Corrections, retiring in 2009 after 30 years of service. He was a life-long runner, and became obsessed with completing marathons in his 40s.

Bob began coaching youth basketball in the 1970s, and added baseball to his coaching career in the 1980s. After his children grew up, he transformed his coaching skills to those of a referee. He served as a high school basketball referee and trainer with several Pacific Northwest referee associations and as a volunteer with the [Special Olympics](#) for over 30 years. Bob the "No Call" ref was revered by players, coaches, parents and other referees and was known for his incredible skill, sharp wit, and most of all, unique and infectious sense of humor.

Bob enjoyed his retirement thoroughly; he went fishing nearly every day, golfed, volunteered with community food banks and spoiled his grandchildren. He lived for a good beer, a Seahawk's win and a dirty joke, all of which he enjoyed until the very end.

Lisle Lafond, 1949 - 2003

On Thursday July 10th at 12:30, Lisle went to be with God and watch over all of us. He died with his family encircling him; he left us in peace, with grace and dignity.

Lisle was a life time Seattle resident and a 1966 graduate of Ballard High School. He received his Bachelors' from the UW and he finished his Masters' at Seattle University.

He entered his "calling" of teaching and coaching. He was a coach at Seattle Prep, Evergreen High School, and Nathan Hale High School, as well as Whitman Middle School.

He was a long time member of the Basketball Referees' Association.

He taught Special Education and social studies classes at Whitman Middle School for many years. Those who have been fortunate enough to have Lisle as a coach and/or teacher know that someone special touched their lives.