

# Robert Alan Cegnar

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Robert Alan Cegnar, beloved and admired father and husband, passed away at age 84 on November 23, 2024 in Spokane, WA.

Born in Boise, Idaho, Bob graduated from Borah High School, where he participated in football and was an Eagle Scout. He went on to study business at Boise State College (now BSU). He served in the Air National Guard from 1961-1971. After college, Bob went to work for Idaho First National Bank in Boise and moved on to Coeur d'Alene, ID as Asst. Branch manager. In 1971 he joined Bank of North Idaho as Branch Manager in Kellogg, ID. Having a life-long passion for entrepreneurship, Bob began to pursue his dream of building a family-owned construction company in the mid-1970s. Starting as a partner in a Coeur d'Alene, ID road construction business, then holding the position of Superintendent in a Washington corporation, he eventually settled in Ephrata, WA to found The Cegnar Company which completed road construction projects and provided stone materials for many Central Washington municipal, commercial, residential and landscaping projects.

Bob lived a full life and he will be remembered most for dedication to his family, his passion for innovation, and The Cegnar Company rock crushing and road construction business he founded. Bob touched the lives of many in Idaho and the Columbia River Basin region, earning the nickname "Crusher Bob" in recent years. Bob was devoted to teaching and helping his family and others, passing along his expertise to his son, Eric,

and his grandson, Cody, and others who worked at the company. Bob was very proud that they would continue to operate the business when he retired a few years ago.

Bob's interests were vast and his passion for learning was astounding. There was nothing Bob could not do well when he set his mind to it. A few of the pursuits he enjoyed in his spare time were restoring classic cars, boat restoration, sailing, snow skiing, water skiing and golfing at his family's weekend home in McCall, ID, stone masonry and welding, wildlife hunting, fishing, cattle ranching and wheat farming in Central Washington, and gold mining. Looking for ways something could be done better, Bob was always innovating and working to improve the way things are done. He worked to design and implement improvements on many things from car engines and home improvements to heavy equipment mechanics and gold mining methods. Bob never stopped innovating and loved the life of the mind, creative ideas, and inventing.

Bob is survived by his mother, Viola Cegnar and his brothers, Barry and Randall Cegnar of Boise. He also leaves behind his wife, Rosie Cegnar of Ephrata, WA, his daughter Angela Cegnar of Charlottesville, VA and son, Eric Cegnar of Moses Lake, WA, along with step-children, Kathleen Kramer and Ronald Kramer of Soap Lake, WA, Kimberly Dominguez of Spokane, WA, and Donald Kramer of Coulee City, WA. Bob will also be missed by his 26 grandchildren, 33 great-grandchildren, and 3 great-great-grandchildren.

A Celebration of Life will be held in Spring, 2025.