

Michael Clark



Mike, Barbara and daughter Kay at the Tacoma Museum of Glass September 23, 2018

After leaving high school Mike continued his education at Lower Columbia College in Longview, WA. He attended one year at the Burnley School of Commercial Art then went to work at the Trojan Nuclear Plant in 1974 as a mechanical designer while it was still under construction. He moved to Seattle working for several mechanical contractors then found employment at Metro in their engineering office in 1986. Metro oversaw the operation and maintenance of the public transportation system and treatment of wastewater for the Seattle metropolitan area. Metro eventually merged with King County in the 1990s. Mike met his future wife Barb Barrios while taking a kayak class on Lake Union in 1987 and they married two years later. Their daughter Kay was born a year later in 1990. Barb retired from Group Health in 2012 where she worked as a lab technician after 28 years. Mike retired from King County in 2017. They sold their house in Seattle in May of 2017 taking advantage of the jump in real estate prices and bought a new house in Vancouver, WA to be closer to their daughter Kay. Kay works in Vancouver as a mechanical engineer with the Bonneville Power Administration. Retirement has been busy, putting in a garden behind their house and making trips around the country and overseas. Mike has also been busy with the historical museum in Rainier, Oregon.