



## NEIL BRANDSMA

Neil Brandsma, 76, of Tumwater, Washington, passed away on December 4, 2023.

Neil volunteered countless hours of his time and resources to Babe Ruth League for several decades.

Neil was President of the Thurston County Babe Ruth League. After leaving the local league level, he served a long time as Southern Washington Babe Ruth Assistant State Commissioner and as a Southern Washington 16-18 Tournament Official for close to 25 years.

Neil looked forward to tournament time as he was always excited to see some "special baseball," attending games with State Commissioner Dan Riley and other Babe Ruth volunteers. Regardless of where the tournament was held, Neil was there.

Neil graduated from Eastern Washington University with a degree in Professional Accounting. He worked for Atlantic Richfield Hanford Company as an internal auditor before joining the Washington State Auditor's Office as a State Examiner. He moved from the Auditor's Office to the Washington State Attorney General's Office as their Administrative Manager, where he worked for 29 years before retiring.

Neil served 23 years with the Washington National Guard at Camp Murray and actively served churches in Thurston and Pierce Counties.

Neil Brandsma is one of the key people who helped promote the growth of Babe Ruth League in Washington and the Pacific Northwest Region. He was a fine ambassador for youth baseball, putting aside personal and professional obligations (of which he had many), to make sure all Babe Ruth participants enjoyed a wholesome, competitive and memorable experience.

