

## Remembering my Dad, Dave Averill, on Veterans' Day

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As a young adult, he chose to spend 4 years in the Navy, in the Pacific during the Korean War, and later at Great Lakes Naval Training Base. The Navy assigned him to be a journalist, and he decided he liked that. After leaving the Navy, he majored in journalism at the University of Oregon.

In 1962, Dave and Verda Averill bought the Bainbridge Review from Walt & Milly Woodward. (They had also bought the Kitsap County Herald in Poulsbo.) They worked a lot with the Woodwards in the 1960s to maintain high journalism quality. Those were the days when local newspapers were critical for people to keep in touch with their community.

Dave stayed on until the early 1980s, when he divorced and moved to Bellingham, spending a few years in journalism there. Sadly, like many men in his generation he was a heavy cigarette smoker, and he left this world at age 57. (Verda continued to publish the Review until 1988, and later spent 15 years publishing the Bainbridge Island Library News.)



But the Navy helped teach Dave about journalism, which ended up doing a lot for Bainbridge Island.

