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Arden E. Racus, 79, passed away on September 2, 2018, at his home, surrounded by family.

Edward Arden Racus was born on Wenatchee, WA, on August 4, 1939. He was born to Carl and Violet (Brower) Racus, joining his sister, Ella, and brother, Charles. He mainly grew up in the Wenatchee area, but for short time during WWII he lived in Bremerton, WA, where his dad worked in shipyards. Once his family moved back to Wenatchee, they lived at a ranch on Stemilt Hill. Arden graduated from Wenatchee High School in 1957. He married Karen Dodd in 1958 and they had three sons: Mike was born in 1959; Darcy born in 1964 and Troy born in 1967.

Arden had a lifetime interest in restoring cars and worked at a body shop in East Wenatchee when he was young. His careers included working in construction by driving a concrete truck for Kane Brothers Concrete and moving within the construction industry from there, working at Grand Coulee Dam, owning Wenatchee Body and Fender and owning his own fruit truck to haul fruit to Stemilt within Central Washington. Arden and Karen worked side by side in the management of Wenatchee Body and Auto Fender.

Arden was a good neighbor and friend, extending a helping hand to anyone who needed one. He and Karen spent many years enjoying their recreation property in the San Juan Islands, fishing and catching fresh seafood of many kinds. Family gatherings with children and grandchildren were common during these years. Karen preceded him in death in 2011.

Then as he entered a new phase in his life, he met June McCann at a dance at the Senior Center. One interest they had in common was antique autos and riding in his restored 1927 Model T pickup became a favorite past time. Soon travel became a goal and besides spending time in their RV in the Pacific Northwest, Arden was bit by the world travel bug. A trip through the Panama Canal and to Kenya topped his list of favorites.

Arden was preceded in death by his parents, and his wife, Karen. He is survived by his sister, Ella, and brother, Charles; his three sons: Mike (Chris) Racus, Darcy (Jackie) Racus and Troy (Darla) Racus; eight grandchildren, nine great-grandchildren and his companion, June McCann.

A Commemoration Service will be held at 11:00 a.m., on Friday, September 14, 2018, at the Celebration Lutheran Church, located at 801 8th St NE, East Wenatchee, WA 98802. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made in Arden's name to the Children's Hospital, 4800 Sand Point Way NE, Seattle, WA, 98105. You are invited to view his tribute online at www.HeritageMemorialChapel.com and share a memory or leave a message. Arrangements are in the care of Heritage Memorial Chapel, East Wenatchee.

Tribute Wall

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“ Hope J is living her best life, getting Arden to change his will based on her emotional state, willing her everything, the home him and his wife of 50 plus years, built. She made sure he left his family nothing using his need to be loved to her advantage. Moved into his home because she was being kicked out of one and she was "suicidal" barely three months after his lifelong partner passes. How convenient. It's not about the estate it's about being able to do that to a family, just break up the whole family for GREED. She knew what she was doing, she saw the cash for the third time in her life. Smart woman really. I believe in karma and I rest assured karma will prevail.
I hope she's done ruining families for her need to follow the money since she got a fair amount with this last one. Thanks for making sure my kids never got any inheritance. Feel good that you did that golddigger.

Darla Racus - March 25, 2023 at 10:40 AM

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“ We would like to include his grandkids name (ours) Ashlee Shrigley (Joe), her kids and Great grand kids Zaiden, Zander and Zoey. Also Adam, Austin, and Alex, they will all cherish all the memories they have had with him and Karen. Our hearts are broken. And they all know he loved them very much.

Darla and Troy - September 08, 2018 at 10:26 PM

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“ Dear dear Arden. So much of my 30 years of marriage to your son has been spent close to you and Karen, trips, building our house, bbques, your grandkids. We had a bond. I know all that changed after Karen passed, due to a unfortunate circumstance coming into your life. But I never stopped loving you. We have spent a lifetime around each other and nobody can break that bond, my kids worshipped the ground you walked on. Our memories will stick with us forever and we will miss you and Karen deeply. RIP you are healed, I know you have had a rough 5 years. Love you and miss you.

Darla Racus - September 04, 2018 at 09:11 PM