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On August 6, 2018, Cloyd Hugh (Dusty) Littrell was welcomed to his eternal home by his LORD and SAVIOR, JESUS CHRIST.

Dusty was born on January 31, 1919, to John and Artie (Cloyd) Littrell in Cedar Vale, KS, where he grew up and attended school. He loved telling his family stories of riding his horse to and from school, standing his shotgun in the corner of the classroom and hunting on his way home. He had a brother, Don, and a sister, DeLois, who preceded him in death.

After graduation from high school, he helped on the family farm until he enlisted in the Army Air Corps in 1940. While in the service, he learned his trade of aviation mechanic and developed a lifelong passion for planes and flying. It was also in the service that, having been raised in the "dust bowl," he was nicknamed Dusty, a name that stuck with him for the rest of his life. He earned the American Defense Service Ribbon with one Bronze Star as well as the Good Conduct Medal. In 1944, while stationed in Ephrata, WA, he met and married his wife Rose. He received an honorable discharge in 1945.

Dusty had a long and successful career as an aviation mechanic that started

with a temporary job at Fancher Field that lasted 40 years. Over the course of his career, he obtained his private pilot license, commercial pilot license, a flight instructor's rating and was the only certified FAA maintenance inspector in the northwest. His summers were spent working with the forest service, keeping borate bombers serviced to fight forest fires. He earned the trust of many private airplane owners who wouldn't allow anyone else to work on their planes. In 1980, the Washington Aviation Association awarded him the Ben Fukuzawa Award for Mechanic of the Year. Loss of vision due to macular degeneration forced his retirement in 1988.

Dusty lived a life of service, not only to his family, but also his church and neighbors. He was a 60-year member of St Luke's Episcopal Church, serving in several leadership roles, as well as visiting the sick and administering communion to those unable to go to church. He was a mighty prayer warrior and surely changed the course of many lives. Always intrigued with anything with an engine, he purchased a snowblower and blew the sidewalks and driveways for 6 homes on his block. As a resident of Columbia Heights Retirement Community, he volunteered his time in leading an exercise class for 12 years.

Dusty and Rose raised their children, John, Jim and Claudia, in Wenatchee. They were hard working, devoted parents and provided for the family in many ways, the most important being a model of committed love for the LORD, each other and their children. Their son, John, preceded them in death in 1990. Rose went home to the LORD in 2004, shortly after celebrating 60 years of marriage. Dusty and Rose are together again, never to be separated.

Surviving family include son, Jim and daughter-in-law Marjory Littrell; daughter, Claudia and son-in-law Larry Holcomb; grandchildren: Gary Littrell, Andy Littrell, Reid Holcomb, Ross Holcomb; and nine great-grandchildren. He is also survived by special friend, Helen Roth, with whom he shared thirteen

years of companionship and comfort.

A Graveside Service to celebrate his former life, as well as his new life, will be officiated by Pastor Jay Caron and will be held at 9:30 a.m., on Monday, August 13, 2018, at the Wenatchee City Cemetery, 1804 N. Western Ave., Wenatchee, WA. In lieu of flowers, those who want to contribute can make a memorial donation in Cloyd's name to JDRF, the leading global organization funding type 1 diabetes research. Donations can be made through their website at: [www.JDRF.org](http://www.JDRF.org). Following the service, the family invites you to join at 11:00 a.m. for a continued time of sharing at Godfather's pizza, 1014 N Wenatchee Ave, Wenatchee, WA 98801. Heritage Memorial Chapel, East Wenatchee, WA, is in charge of the arrangements.

"And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, that where I am you may be also." John 14:3

# Tribute Wall

MA

“ You don't know me but I knew Dusty for a brief time in his life. Helen is my mother and when I went to visit her, Dusty was always there. I thank God for him and will miss him dearly. At every stage of his life, he had a purpose. He knew his tasks were done and knew it was ok go home. I will see you again Dusty... But not yet. And we will all be a family someday.

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**Mary** - August 13, 2018 at 06:12 PM

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“ Dusty was a honest Christian man and lived his life in that manner. I and so many other pilots flew in aircraft that he had done maintenance and were totally confident it was the best it could be. A good friend and co-worker for over 30 years at Fancher Field. I feel honored to have known him.

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**Paul and Karen Laymance** - August 13, 2018 at 01:36 PM

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“ My deepest sympathy to you for the loss of your dear loved one. At John 5: 28 29, our lord Jesus Christ gives us the hope of seeing our loved ones again in the coming resurrection. At Rev.21: 4 the Bible speaks of a time when our loving creator Jehovah God will remove all causes for tears or pain including death!. My prayer is that by meditating on these spritual things you will find comfort, and be encouraged to endure.

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**Pamela Lawson** - August 06, 2018 at 08:31 PM

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“ *My deepest sympathy for your loss . May you find comfort and peace in among friends and family but most importantly God's word at Revelation 21:3-4*

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**Dorothy Freeman** - August 06, 2018 at 08:07 PM