



## Dennis F Spaeth

September 11, 1939 - March 21, 2016

Dennis Spaeth, 76, of Rock Island, died on March 21, 2016 after injuries he sustained from an accidental fire in his woodshop on January 22nd.

On September 11, 1939, in Rolla, North Dakota, Ralph J. and Edna M. (Guderjahn) Spaeth welcomed their son, Dennis Frederick to the family. Early years were spent there with his sisters, Linda and Maren; at age 10 the family moved to Bonners Ferry, Idaho and three years later to a cattle ranch at Palisades, WA. Dennis attended Eastmont High School and served as President of the FFA; he graduated with the first class in 1958 which was a memorable class since they were the deciders for the school's mascot. For the next 40 years he lived in Wenatchee and drove fuel truck for Ag Supply Company, which he retired from years later. He was married to Freida Schuh for 32 years and together they raised three sons, Marty and twins, Kevin and Kirk. Dennis kept busy coaching his boys on the Wenatchee Babe Ruth Baseball team and then continued to teach many young men the skills and love of baseball for over 25 years. When Dennis purchased Dad's Country Store he also moved his home to Rock Island. It's here that he would busy himself in his woodshed with all kinds of carpentry projects, from bird houses to gazebo's and attend after his vegetable and flower beds. Dennis married Peggy Jones on August 19, 1995 in Coeur d'Alene, Idaho. They enjoyed 16 years together until Peggy's death in November 2011.

Dennis enjoyed the outdoors where he would fish and camp in the company of his family and friends. He enjoyed playing card games and was known to

throw a mean horseshoe. One of the boys' fondest memories came from the annual week trip to Little Fort B.C. to their uncle and aunts Fishing Camp. Surviving Dennis are his sons, Kevin, Marty and Kirk Spaeth all of East Wenatchee; sisters, Linda (John ) Hayhurst, Kirkland and Maren Cooley, Puyallup; four grandchildren, Tyler Spaeth, Brooke Spaeth, of Wenatchee, Amanda (Chet) Walker and Darren (Kelsey) Spaeth of East Wenatchee and his loving partner of three years Jeannie Nipp.

As an avid Mariners Fan and a coach to many children in the valley his sons suggest memorial donations be made in his name to: Greater Wenatchee Babe Ruth, P.O. Box 2744, Wenatchee, WA 98807. You are invited to view his online guestbook at [www.HeritageMemorialChapel.com](http://www.HeritageMemorialChapel.com) . Viewing will be on Friday, April 1, 2016 from 10:00 - Noon with graveside services following at Evergreen Memorial Park, 2:00pm. Arrangements are in the care of Heritage Memorial Chapel, East Wenatchee.

# Tribute Wall

CP

“ Hello to the fabulous Spaeth Boys and family:

*I am so sorry for Your loss ... it's no wonder You all turned out so well with such a great Dad ... and a great Baseball Man.*

*I umped most of the years Your Dad Coached ... and not only did He know the game, He was excellent at teaching it. He didn't agree with all my calls but never raised his voice ... He was a pleasure to work for. The Wenatchee valley was blessed because Denny lived here. I was blessed to be able to know him and be call a friend.*

*My love and support goes out to all of You.*

*Coach P*

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**Coach Paul Preston** - March 30, 2016 at 06:21 PM

JL

“ Marty, Kevin and Keith - my sincere condolences at the death of your Dad - he was a GREAT man and I so enjoyed knowing him and working with him - albeit for only a short time. What an impression he left on me. You guys are lucky men to have had him as your father. I grieve with you guys - sorry for your loss.

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**Jeff Lutz** - March 28, 2016 at 05:59 PM

SR

“ So sorry to hear about Dennis. I really enjoyed working with him. Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your families.

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**Shirley Reister** - March 27, 2016 at 08:37 PM

CO

“ *Boomer and family,*

*So sorry to hear about your dad. Always a great supporter at our softball games and I loved talking sports with him.*

*Coop*

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**Coop** - March 25, 2016 at 04:17 PM

JW

“ *My heart goes out to you all. Dennis was, without a doubt, one of the nicest, finest, kindest people I've ever had the pleasure to know. He had time to listen and to help whoever needed it. I am so sorry for you loss.*

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**Joey Warren** - March 23, 2016 at 12:32 PM