



DeWayne Lann

July 7, 1943 - March 4, 2017

DeWayne Lann, 73, an East Wenatchee resident of 43 years, left to join his Heavenly Father on Saturday, March 4, 2017 while surrounded by his wife and children. DeWayne was a very loving husband, father and grandfather. He loved people and was well-known throughout the community for his compassion for people, quick wit and fun-loving nature.

Born July 7, 1943 in Baton Rouge, Louisiana to the late John H. and Nathalie (James) Lann, he was raised and schooled in Baton Rouge, graduating from Istrouma High School in 1961. He studied accounting at Louisiana State University, "LSU", until entering the U.S. Air Force in 1962. He was a Pararescueman with the 54th Air Rescue Service (ARS). He was qualified as a Parachutist, SCUBA Diver, Survival Specialist and Medical Technician with 42 total jumps during his career. He later became an Instructor at McChord Air Force Base near Tacoma teaching survival skills for the Air Force. It was here where he met the love of his life Sue Hammett, and they were married on December 3, 1966 in Tacoma. Upon receiving his honorable discharge they made their home together in Baton Rouge, Louisiana. After a brief couple of years, they returned to Tacoma where DeWayne was a Salesman for the Union Oil Company. Five years later, they moved their family to Puyallup where they remained until being transferred to Wenatchee in December of 1974. He was the Union Oil Bulk Plant Manager in Wenatchee until its closure. He worked in sales for Cascade Chevrolet and United Pipe and

Supply before becoming a New York Life Insurance Agent. DeWayne established his business, eventually operating his own office on Valley Mall Parkway in East Wenatchee together with his wife, adding multiple lines of insurance including Aflac and Purple Cross. In 1994 DeWayne became a Rural Route Mail Carrier for the United States Postal Service. He continued his USPS Route until retiring in 2009. He and Sue made their "Big Loop" trip following his retirement, which included visiting relatives in Missouri, Mississippi, Utah and Louisiana. They covered over 20 states during their trip and attended his 50th High School Reunion. In 2013, they decided to downsize and moved to their current home in East Wenatchee.

DeWayne was a longtime member of the Church of Christ in Wenatchee that was home to both Okanogan Avenue and Kings Orchard. He was a former Douglas County Civil Service Commissioner and a former President and member of the Greater Wenatchee Sunrise Lions Club. He enjoyed all forms of fishing, being active with his kids' activities and watching football. DeWayne and Sue had many adventures together traveling around geocaching to many fun and exciting places.

He is survived by his wife of 50 years, Sue Lann, East Wenatchee; three daughters and two sons-in-law, Kelly & Tim Caraway, Wasilla, Alaska, Vicky & Randy Norton, Herriman, Utah and Jenny Sorom, Wenatchee; one son and daughter-in-law, Kenneth & Heather Lann, Wenatchee; one brother and sister-in-law, John & Betty Lann, Baton Rouge, Louisiana; 12 grandchildren and 3 great grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents and his son-in-law, Martin Sorom.

A Graveside Inurnment service with Military Honors will be held on Friday, March 10th at 11:00 a.m. at Wenatchee Cemetery, followed by a Commemoration Service at 12 noon at Kings Orchard Church of Christ, 1610

Orchard Street, Wenatchee. You are invited to visit his tribute online at www.HeritageMemorialChapel.com and leave a memory for the family. In lieu of flowers, the family suggests a donation to any Veteran Support Organization of choice, such as Wounded Warriors or Disabled American Veterans (DAV).

Pararescueman's Code: It is my duty as a member of the Air Rescue Service, to save life and to aid the injured. These things I do, so that others may live.

Tribute Wall

KA

“ *What fond memories I have of DeWayne. He was a very special person, and I miss him.*

Kay - February 25, 2018 at 10:39 AM

KW

“ *SUE
I WILL SURE MISS DEWAYNE AS WILL YOU AND YOUR
WONDERFUL FAMILY. WE HAD SO MUCH FUN TOGETHER.
PLEASE CALL ME IF YOU HAVE ANY NEEDS OR JUST WANT
TO VISIT. I WILL ALWAYS BE THERE FOR YOU.*

Kay Williams - March 18, 2017 at 11:03 AM

BA

“ *Sue and family, Wishing you the best during a difficult time.
DeWayne was a wonderful man and a long time friend, we met at
Istrouma High School in Baton Rouge, LA. Cynthia and I visited you
two during 2001. God bless you.*

Billy Anders - March 10, 2017 at 07:30 PM

BA

“ I am a high school classmate of DeWayne's from Istrouma High School in Baton Rouge, Louisiana. My wife and I visited DeWayne and Sue in Wenatchee a few years back. I believe it was during 2001. By then he'd retired from most activities but continued in his rural mail carrier job. He loved that job. At the time he told me that he would keep it "forever", and when he passed away, it would be behind the wheel of his mail delivery vehicle! I see that he retired from that work a few years back so obviously that didn't happen, but it was plain to see that he liked what he did. We had great discussions about his pararescue job in the Air Force. I am a retired Air Force guy so that was of mutual interest. The Air Force was developing a method of rescuing pilots downed behind enemy lines. It involved sending up a small balloon with a strong cable or cord attached to the person on the ground. A C-130 cargo plane flew overhead as slowly as possible, equipped with a large V-shaped catcher device on the nose of the aircraft to snag the line, thus (quickly as one might imagine) hoisting the pilot aboard. DeWayne volunteered to try out this device. I love adventure but would have had to get my motor running very fast to have tried that! It worked but caused too many injuries and was not adopted, but DeWayne was courageous enough to try it. God bless him for his military service and his friendship during high school and later. Rest easy, old friend.

Billy D. Anders - March 10, 2017 at 07:25 PM

TA

“ Dear Sue & family, I was surprised to see of DeWayne's passing. I always enjoyed being around and working with him! My prayers are with you and your family this week.
Tim Arens

Tim Arens - March 10, 2017 at 01:49 PM

RW

“ Sue, I will always remember the camping trip we IHS guys made to sitting bull falls New Mexico in September 1961, great memories. So sorry for your loss.

Richard

Richard White - March 10, 2017 at 10:17 AM

BJ

“ Hi Sue
You have my deepest condolences, know this, I am here for you.
Sadly, we now have another thing in common.
All my Love,
Barry :-3)

Barry J Johnson - March 08, 2017 at 09:16 PM

DC

“ Sue, I am so sorry to hear about DeWayne. He ,Johnny and I spent many hot summer days under the house,building streets and towns.to run our toy cars .Our thoughts prayers are with you and your family.Denny

Denny Carlton - March 08, 2017 at 09:58 AM

WA

“ Longtime WSGA Cache-Cadian member DeWayne Lann, (half of LanSearch) of East Wenatchee, passed away Saturday March 4, 2017. He and his wife Sue were active members of the geocaching community. They mentored new enthusiasts, and shared their love of the outdoors with all they encountered. DeWayne was an expert driver with endless patience and a ready smile.

One sunny afternoon, while out seeking the WSGA Campout Sun Mystery Geo-art caches, I (Winos_Seattle), in my haste, managed to slam the door of the Lann-mobile on my finger. DeWayne looked at me for a moment, and then just laughed. So infectious was his laugh that I couldn't help but join him, though I was in quite a bit of pain. One fond WSGA memory with DeWayne.

Washington State Geocaching Association - March 07, 2017 at 11:07 PM