



Donald Duane Marsh

December 8, 1920 - July 14, 2010

Donald Duane Marsh, 89, a longtime Pateros Orchardist and a 5 year East Wenatchee resident, passed away on Wednesday, July 14, 2010 at home in East Wenatchee.

He was born on December 8, 1920 at Mt. Ayer, Iowa to the late Earl and Mary (Birch) Marsh. As a young man, he moved with his family to Pateros, where he graduated from Pateros High School. He was married to Lucille Jess in 1941 and together they raised four children. During W.W. II, Donald served four years in the U.S. Air Force. Upon receiving his honorable discharge, they returned to Pateros. He owned and operated an orchard in Pateros as well as becoming a warehouse manager for Neff Orchards. He was preceded in death by Lucille, he was later married to Betty Slattery in 1984 and they made their home together in Okanogan. He was preceded in death by Betty and continued to make his home in Okanogan until moving to East Wenatchee in 2004.

Donald was an avid hunter and outdoorsman; he loved snowmobiling and waterskiing, boating, fishing, motorcycling and the ocean, especially Hawaii. He was a sports fan that was especially fond of basketball and followed the Gonzaga scores.

He is survived by his special friend and longtime companion, Loretta Lord, Wenatchee; his three children, Barry (Holly) Marsh, Entiat, DuAnn (Harley) Frederick, East Wenatchee and Wayne (Julie) Marsh, Pateros; five step

children, Mike (Diane) Slattery and Danny (Carol) Slattery all of Henderson, NV, Murlena (Mike) Houdak and Re (Larry) Reynolds all of Walla Walla and RaeJean (Randy) Kelly, Okanogan; 18 grandchildren and numerous great grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents, his wives, Lucille and Betty and one son, Jim Marsh in 1999.

A Commemoration service will be held on Saturday, July 17, 2010 at 3:00 p.m. at Heritage Memorial Chapel, 19 Rock Island Road, East Wenatchee. Please sign in or leave a memory for the family online by visiting www.HeritageMemorialChapel.com . Arrangements are in the care of Heritage Memorial Chapel, East Wenatchee.

Tribute Wall

DL

“ It is really difficult to put into words the feelings of loss and thankfulness which I am certain everyone who knew Don as family and friends is experiencing. Your Dad fought the good fight to be with us all as long as he could even though he wasn't feeling his best. I feel fortunate to have been able to experience his kindness and enthusiasm for life, and have enjoyed getting to know many of you in the family as well. Now Don will be able to rest in peace with loved ones and friends that he will be joining. Blessings and prayers to you all.

Diane Lord - October 05, 2023 at 12:00 AM

RH

“ Dear DuAnn, Wayne & Barry and your families, I have such wonderful memories of your Mom and Dad from the times my Mom and I spent up the Methow those summers. Can you just imagine what a time your Mom and Dad are having right now being together again? My thoughts and sympathy are with you at this time. May God Bless.

Ronda Sue (Morris) Henne - July 18, 2010 at 02:16 AM

JL

“ I was so sorry to hear about your father passing away. I have great memories of the Pateros years and your father being in the packing and sorting room. He did a great job. I also remember his being such an avid hunter. I still think those were really the good "ole" days! Memories are truly wonderful and hopefully they will be of comfort to all of you.

Jan

Jan Neff Lee - July 17, 2010 at 03:17 AM

LD

“ Sorry to hear of Don's passing, he was a very good and understanding man. He loved life and above all his family. We know he will be deeply missed. Kelli will always remember the fun river rafting with her grandfather and Sam (the big black dog) always trying to rescue them. Love and prayers to all of you in your loss.

Linda Marsh and Kelli DeKay - July 16, 2010 at 12:50 PM

BZ

“ I have good memorys of Don and Lucile. Many of us learned to water ski behind Don's 25 HP Johnston at Alta lake.

Bruce Zahn - July 16, 2010 at 10:14 AM

JV

“ So sorry for your loss. Hope all of you can gather and remember him in better and happier times. You will all be in my prayers.

Jay Vanderpool - July 16, 2010 at 07:19 AM

JJ

“ Dearest DuAnn, Barry, Wayne, Loretta and your families, How I remember the beauty of your Dad & Mother and wish I lived near to be with you to celebrate Uncle Don's life. Aunt Lucille & Jim will be so joyful in their reunion but for you I send my heartfelt prayers and love. May the sweetness of memories comfort you during this time. I love the photos you have chosen and smile through the tears in my care for you. With love, Jackie Jess

Jackie Jess - July 16, 2010 at 06:46 AM

MM

“ DuAnn, Barry & Wayne and your Families,
Seeing your Dad's smiling face brought back memories of many
years ago. He was always so pleasant. He is now with your Mom
and Jim, no doubt reminiscing the years that have passed. My
thoughts and Sympathy are with each of you at this time. God
Bless.

Margaret (Whitlam) Miller - July 16, 2010 at 05:22 AM