



Eugene Herbert Gatewood

March 3, 1944 - December 7, 2014

Eugene Herbert "Butch" Gatewood Jr., 70, a 45 year Wenatchee area resident passed away on Sunday, December 7, 2014 at Confluence Health Hospital. He was born on March 3, 1944 at St. Anthony's Hospital in Wenatchee, the son of Eugene Herbert Sr. and Thelma June (Soule) Gatewood. He was raised and received his schooling through Jr. High in Wenatchee before the family moved to Winthrop where he attended High School, graduating in 1964. While in high school Butch starting working for his parents, first in their grocery store "The Evergreen Store" and years later in H & J Hardware when he returned from Wenatchee where he worked for Pacific Fruit Company, driving trucks. While living in Wenatchee he met and married Jill Hill, here they made their first home before moving to Winthrop in the early 70's and later back to Wenatchee. When Butch and Jill moved back, Butch worked for Wilbur Ellis as a truck driver; he was their first to drive a "train", double trailers. An accident in 2000 forced an early retirement for him. Butch and Jill had two children, Heidi and Jerry.

Butch loved Antiques and Collectibles, his home was filled with his treasures. He became known as an "Expert" in the Antique field. He housed 5000 rare antique Beer Cans from all countries.

He is preceded in death by his grandparents, William & Ida Gatewood and Harold and Thelma Soule.

Butch is survived by children, Heidi (Ron) Sprugasci, Wenatchee, Jerry Gatewood, Redmond, WA; parents, Herb and June Gatewood, Wenatchee;

sister, Carol (John) Lester, Okanogan; and two grandchildren, Kaylee and Anthony Sprugas both of East Wenatchee.

A Memorial Service will be held on Saturday, December 13, 2014, 11:00 am at Heritage Memorial Chapel Funeral Home, East Wenatchee with a continued time of sharing at the Hot Rod Café in Monitor, WA.

You are invited to view his online guest book at www.HeritageMemorialChapel.com. Honored to serve the family, Heritage Memorial Chapel, East Wenatchee.

Tribute Wall

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“ *Butch will always be in my heart. He was a good friend in High school. I am so sorry for your loss. may peace be with you.* ”

Della Remsberg Stennett - December 11, 2014 at 02:25 PM

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“ *Butch was a fun friend. Always full of fun stories to make you laugh. This is how I will always remember him! Oh, and using the leaf blower in the house to do the dusting!!!!* ”



Patti (Jackson) Hindman - December 09, 2014 at 04:06 PM

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“ *Dad - I will always cherish the time and love that we shared during the latter part of your life. I forgive you! Love your daughter, Candi* ”

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