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James M. Wade, 93, passed away on Sunday, July 12, 2020, from natural causes. He was born on November 10, 1926 in Okanogan, WA, the son of Isham and Doris (Leitch) Wade. He was raised in Wenatchee and attended Wenatchee High School, where he graduated with the class of 1944. During his senior year of high school, Jim enlisted in the U.S. Air Force. He attended Washington State College, University of Washington, and Wenatchee Valley College. After college, Jim returned to Wenatchee to work in the fruit industry. In 1949, Jim married Camille Jones and in 1950, he joined his father at Columbia Fruit Packers as sales manager. Jim and Camille shared a passion for travel and together they explored the world, visiting every continent except Antarctica. Jim was a bird hunter, fisherman, sailor, pilot, and he loved spending time at Lake Chelan.

Jim served on the boards of numerous organizations including: Washington State Fruit Commission, Cherry Growers and Industries Foundation, Washington Cherry Marketing Commission, International Apple Institute (now U.S. Apple Association), Northwest Horticultural Council, Washington Apple Commission, Washington Apple Education Foundation, Rotary, Wenatchee First Presbyterian Church, AAA in Seattle, Washington Athletic Club,

Wenatchee Saving and Loan.

Jim worked quietly but effectively in the community. He was a founding director and stockholder in Wenatchee Mountain, Inc., which developed the Mission Ridge ski area in 1966. He worked with the youth ski racing programs. He was a long-time supporter of the Salvation Army, YMCA, the Boy Scouts, Wenatchee Valley Museum and Cultural Center, Numerica Performing Arts Center. He helped raise money for the scouts to purchase Scout-A-Vista. Jim and his family set up the Wade Dialysis Fund, renamed the Wade Family Literacy Fund and the Camille Jones Wade Children's Library. In 1995 he was named Apple Citizen of the Year and in 2016 received the Spirit of A.Z. Wells award.

He is survived by two sons and daughters-in-law, Mark Wade and Karen Lidikay and Mike and Karen Wade; one daughter and son-in-law, Susan and Gus Heinicke; and seven grandchildren, Sara (Andrew Latta) Wade, James Wade, Robin (Justin) Hansen, Jennifer and Megan Wade and Greg and Josh Heinicke; three great grandchildren, Colton and Maren Hansen and Reese Latta-Wade. He was preceded in death by his wife of 62 years Camille Wade; their infant daughter, Sarah Diane Wade; his parents Isham and Doris Wade and his sister, Peggy Dewey.

His family would like to express their gratitude to Dr. Peter Rutherford, Hospice and caregiver Wendy Allen for the remarkable care he received.

A Private Family Interment Service will be held.

Visitation will be Thursday July 16 and Friday July 17 - with masks and social distancing required by state law.

Friends who wish may make memorial donations in his name to the

Community Foundation of NCW for the Wade Family Literacy Fund or a charity of the donor's choice.

# Tribute Wall

JB

“ Mike, Mark and Susan,

*I am sorry for your loss. Lived next door to you and your folks (1019 Crestwood) from before they bought the home next door. As a child, I and some of the neighbor children spent time crawling all around and through it while under construction.*

*I have a funny story about how all the putty from the basement windows disappeared one day. Your father naturally came next door to ask me and David Sanford, the kid from across the street, if we knew anything about the missing putty. We both disavowed knowledge of the theft while looking your dad straight in the eye, all the while secretly sheltering these huge balls of putty behind our backs. If he'd only known, but I think he was pretty sure we were the culprits. As far as I know it was never a subject of discussion with our parents.*

*That was a very long time ago. I still own that house, believe it or not.*

*You would remember me as Jack (John) Barta, my family now all deceased: father, John; mother, Mary; and sister, Julie.*

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**John Barta** - July 21, 2020 at 01:56 PM

MC

“ Cindy and I are thinking of the family today. Jim, Camille, Doris and Ike were a big part of me, and who I am today. It's strange to think that I knew Jim longer than anyone alive today. Since Jim insisted that I start skiing at 3 years old, he was my first ski instructor. A big part of my success in life is because one day, when I was 3, Doris looked at me and said, "You are a very special little boy". Since I believed everything Doris said, that stuck with me. I am so proud of my Wade heritage and my middle name.  
Mark Wade Choate

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**Mark Choate** - July 18, 2020 at 11:13 AM

JF

“ Back in the early 80's of the Fruit Industry, I was a young man that thought I knew a lot, which meant I really knew alot less! Fortunately for me there were people like the great Jim Wade that were willing to share their thoughts on the industry to help me gain knowledge. Thank you Jim for always being the kind gentleman you were. Rest in peace, you have certainly earned it.

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**Jay Fulbright** - July 17, 2020 at 02:16 PM

CF

“ As a child I spent many a summer with my family in Wenatchee. Uncle Jim was like a 2nd father to me. As a young woman I was blessed and honored to have him walk me down the aisle at my wedding. I am a better person for having Uncle Jim in my life. I cherish each and every memory. He was truly one of the good guys and the sun shines a little less brightly for his passing.

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**Candace Fisher-Russell** - July 15, 2020 at 08:52 AM

KG

“ *I was truly blessed to have Uncle Jim in my life. I cherish my memories and am grateful to have been his niece. His concern and support for our family will never need forgotten. He was truly one in a million.*

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**Kari Gibson** - July 14, 2020 at 11:42 PM