



## Joe Earl Lancaster

March 19, 1935 - November 13, 2015

Joe Lancaster, 80, a lifelong Wenatchee and East Wenatchee resident, passed away on Friday, November 13, 2015, at his home in East Wenatchee, surrounded by his family after a short battle with Lung Cancer.

He was born on March 19, 1935 in Wenatchee, to the late William Edward the first and Emma Neoma (Short) Lancaster. He was raised in Wenatchee and later East Wenatchee. He attended East Wenatchee schools and was in the first high school class that rode the bus across the new bridge to Wenatchee High School, graduating with the class of 1953. He went to work at Keokuk Mining in Rock Island while he was still in high school and continued working there through all of the companies name and owner. He retired in 1998 after over 45 years of work.

He was married to Mary Ann Toyer on July 30, 1955 at Waterville. They made their home together in East Wenatchee.

Joe enjoyed going hunting with his brothers, was an avid fisherman and used to keep his boat moored at Lyons Ferry. He collected Indian artifacts, including arrowheads, spear heads, mortar and pestles. He began collecting before the dams were all constructed in the areas of Crescent Bar and also searched the Palisades. He was a Radio Control model airplane hobbyist and was an excellent woodworker. He was a former Ham Radio Operator and an enthusiastic Citizens Band Radio operator with the handle of "Mr. Gremlin".

Joe was well known for his vegetable gardens and built his own greenhouse so he could start by seeds and begin earlier crops. He especially grew a lot of

tomatoes, peppers and corn.

He is survived by his wife of 60 years, Mary Lancaster, East Wenatchee; three daughters and two sons-in-law, Jo Ann L. & Jim Shingleton, East Wenatchee, Laura N. Ashbrook, Wenatchee and Marie A. & Scott Telecky, Bellevue; brother and sister-in-law, Richard "Dick" & Flora Lancaster, Orondo; eight grandchildren, Jason Peltz, Spokane, Jay Ervin, Roseburg, OR, Jessica Hicks, Muncie, IN, Scott Callihan, Bellevue, Sam Ashbrook, Spanaway, Lisa Bennett, Bellevue, Zeke Telecky, Wenatchee and Zach Telecky, East Wenatchee; nine great grandchildren, Orion Peltz, Wenatchee, Zoe Ervin, Eugene, OR, Kayla Hicks, Muncie, IN, Aria Ervin, Eugene, OR, Cyric Peltz and Malachi Peltz both of East Wenatchee, Andrew Hicks, Muncie, IN, Emma Grace Bennett, Bellevue, and Baby Telecky, due anytime. He was preceded in death by his parents, five brothers, William Edward "Bill" Lancaster II, Steve Lancaster, Wallace Lancaster, John Lancaster, Barney Lancaster and sister, Marie Lancaster.

A Commemoration Service will be held on Monday, November 23, 2015 at Heritage Memorial Chapel at 11:00 a.m. A concluding service and interment will follow at Evergreen Memorial Park with a continued time of sharing and lunch at the Eastmont Presbyterian Church on 200 S. Kentucky, East Wenatchee. Visitation will be from 9:30-10:30 before the services begin at Heritage. At Joe's request please dress casual. You are invited to visit his tribute online and share photos of Joe or leave a memory for the family at [www.HeritageMemorialChapel@msn.com](http://www.HeritageMemorialChapel@msn.com).. Arrangements are in the care of Heritage Memorial Chapel, East Wenatchee.

# Tribute Wall

LB

“ I remember going fishing with my grandpa for steelhead one time down at Lyons Ferry we would go out really early in the morning and I would sleep in his little bed. I remember grandpa let me use his pole and instead of a steelhead I caught a king salmon that put up a really big fight. Everyone helped real it in because I needed help and when grandpa picked it up out of the net so we could take a picture with it, It smacked him in the face with its tail. I remember grandpa or someone saying well that was a sloppy kiss. I am going to miss all of his stories about fishing; even the ones that we hear hundreds of times.

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**Lisa Bennett** - November 17, 2015 at 08:29 PM

JH

“ Our last visit with grandpa consisted of KFC, gardening, tractors and a hundred bunnies singing and dancing! Grandma said she keeps the bunnies for the kids but Grandpa and I caught her dancing and singing. Grandpa grew the best candy cherry tomatoes, we ate so many we almost got a tummy ache. He got all his tractors out for Andrew and let him ride each one. He still talks about it even though he wasn't even 2 years old! Some of my favorite memories growing up were the pool parties and at night sometimes he would turn the colored lights on for us to swim with. I always admired the way he could recycle things and repurpose them into something functional. Like the camper pool house and my all time favorite the satellite dish pond! I was really hoping to see him one last time this June. It's hard being far away, I feel like I missed so much but I know he knew my heart and how much I loved him. Until we meet again someday, I will cherish the memories we made.....

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**Jessica Hicks** - November 17, 2015 at 06:39 PM

MA

“ Hi All -

*We are all still reeling from the loss of our Dad. We are hoping you will all share stories and photos if you have them. We looked through Dad's photos and there are so many, but he was always behind the camera so not very many with him in the frame. We miss him dearly and are looking forward to sharing your memories as well as ours together. Hope to see you all at the services on the 23rd.*

*The Girls. JoAnn, Laura, and Marie.*

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**Marie** - November 17, 2015 at 05:41 PM

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“ *Mary Ann, JoAnn, Laura, Marie- but also Ruth, Linda, Jessica, Scotty, Lisa-*

*It doesn't make sense that there is no Joe to see out working when driving past, no Joe in his chair when coming to visit. Joe has been our neighbor since before i was born. I shall miss him every time i look at the house. He knew how to be a father to daughters and a grandfather to everyone. And he was a good friend to my Dad. It is like an earthquake when someone you have known your entire life dies.*

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**Nan Hussey** - November 17, 2015 at 04:54 PM