



John Lawrence Lyon

April 16, 1934 - September 21, 2010

John L. Lyon, 76, a 40 year Cashmere resident, passed away at his home on Tuesday, September 21, 2010.

He was born on April 16, 1934, at Spokane, Washington to the late Lawrence and Lucile Martha (Avey) Lyon. He was raised in Spokane, the western Montana area and Seattle. When he was 15, he entered the U.S. National Guard, at the time when President Truman declared a state of emergency at the beginning of the Korean Conflict, he was sent to Japan. Once they learned of his age, he was sent home. He re-enlisted in the Marine Corps when he turned 18 years of age. He became a Drill Sergeant and later a Gunnery Sergeant. He met and was married to Arleen H. Sawtell on June 30, 1956. They were sent to numerous military installations that included, Tennessee three times, Hawaii, California, North Carolina and Maryland. John remained a Gunnery Sergeant in the Marines until retiring on August 31, 1970. Following his retirement, they moved to make their home in Cashmere after following suggestions of their friends. He went to work as a School Bus Driver for the Cashmere School District and operated a bus route that included Mission Creek. He would always say "He was up a creek without a paddle".

He was a longtime member of the Kingdom Hall of Jehovah's Witnesses of Cashmere, where he had been an elder.

He is survived by his wife, Arleen H. Lyon, Cashmere; one daughter and son-in-law, Martha & Steve Kyner, Cashmere; two sons and one daughter-in-law, Arthur & Michaela "Michelle" Lyon, Clarksville, TN and John F. Lyon, Yakima;

7 grandchildren and 7 great grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents.

A Memorial service will be held on Friday, October 1, 2010 at 7:30 p.m. at the Kingdom Hall of Jehovah's Witnesses, 5862 Sunburst Lane, Cashmere.

Arrangements are assisted by Heritage Memorial Chapel, East Wenatchee.