



## John Denny Valeson

April 21, 1939 - September 26, 2014

John Denny Valeson, 75, a lifelong Wenatchee Valley resident, passed away at his home in East Wenatchee on Friday, September 26,th, with his loving family by his side.

He was born on April 21, 1939 at St. Anthony's Hospital in Wenatchee the son of Denny and Maria (Ginnis) Valeson. He attended Dryden Elementary School and later graduated from Peshastin-Dryden High School. He loved playing the drums in the band. He began playing in 6th grade and marched in many parades while in band in high school. Following graduation, he entered the U.S. Army and served until receiving his honorable discharge. He married Virginia Lucker and they have two children, Tamara Walters and her spouse, Roger, and Tony Valeson and his spouse, Michele.

John always provided for his family, he worked as a cook at Denny's and Country Inn Restaurants in his younger years. He later went to work for the Burlington Northern Santa Fe Railroad as a Clerk and remained there until retiring. After retiring, he built birdhouses as a hobby and sold them at the Farmers Market. He was known as the "Birdhouse Man", from his many customers. He also had an extensive garden and had also sold his produce at the market.

He was very proud of his Greek Heritage.

He leaves his spouse, his children, 10 grandchildren and 7 great grandchildren. He also leaves his beloved dogs, Daisy and Bella.

A Commemoration service will be held on Saturday, October 4, 2014 at 11:30

a.m. at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, Chapel in Monitor. You are invited to visit his tribute online and leave a comment for the family at [www.HeritageMemorialChapel.com](http://www.HeritageMemorialChapel.com). Arrangements are assisted by Heritage Memorial Chapel, East Wenatchee.

# Tribute Wall

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“ I have so many wonderful memories as a teenager spending countless hours at the Valeson home. John always had a smile on his face and I always felt like one of their kids! He always made me laugh and I felt right at home. Thanks for the memories and enhancing my teenage years. I love you all forever.

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**Kimberly Ferguson (Zitting)** - October 08, 2014 at 12:53 AM

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“ It was our privilege and joy to get to know John particularly as our home teacher. He always had an interesting story to tell and with his sense of humor and observation of life and life's experiences would make us smile. We benefited from his knowledge of gardening as he would answer our questions and give us information about preserving vegetables that has been a blessing to our family. We have admired how during difficult times both John and Virginia would face those difficult challenges with grace and quiet resolve, not complaining, but doing their best to face what life had brought their way. We have met very few people of Greek heritage and for us it was a pleasant experience to hear and see a little bit of that in John's life. Thank you for your friendship and caring for us, your family and those that you have met. Our love and warmest regards to you, Rod and Laura Mortensen and Family

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**Rod and Laura Mortensen** - October 05, 2014 at 02:36 PM

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“ Dear Virginia and Family,

*The photo John and a bird house reminded me of his gift of one of his creations to the WVC reunion ten years ago. We gave it to the chairs of the event, Jerry and Lucy Kenoyer. of Cashmere. They still treasure this special gift.*

*Our family moved to Dryden in 1944. We at many meals at the Golden Gate Restaurant that first year. As John grew older he joined the rest of the kids in town in lots of fun games. Because he had the older cousin also named John. They were called "Big John and Little John".*

*Your family has certainly grown in numbers and I'm sure provides many blessings.*

*John and his parents were "salt of the earth" people and we were proud to know them.*

*Sincerely,*

*Earl Tilly*

*P S We will send a memorial honoring John to the Dryden Improvement Club.*

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**Earl Tilly** - October 03, 2014 at 12:30 AM