



Johnny Lee Murphy

November 13, 1938 - March 8, 2013

Johnny Lee "John" Murphy, 74, a 68 year Wenatchee Valley resident, passed away on Friday, March 8, 2013 at Central Washington Hospital, following a sudden illness.

He was born on November 13, 1938 at Washington, Iowa to the late Faye and Dorothy (Rash) Murphy. He moved with his family to Wenatchee when he was 6 years old. He attended Whitman Elementary school and H.B. Ellison Jr. High and Wenatchee High School. He was active in the sports programs at high school. He graduated from Wenatchee High School and continued his education at the University of Washington. He entered the U.S. Navy and served at sea aboard a number of different ships. Upon receiving his honorable discharge, he returned to Wenatchee and went to work at Cedargreens, prior to going to work at ALCOA in 1965. He met and was later married to Carolyn Louise Burnett on June 2, 1967 in Wenatchee. They made their home in Wenatchee until moving to Malaga in 1977. They returned to Wenatchee in 1998.

John worked at ALCOA for 35 years. He had worked as a Pot Tender, Machine Operator in the Ingot Plant, a Crane Operator and was Head Caster at the time of his retirement in 2000.

After he retired, they purchased a motor home and travelled to the Grand Canyon, thru New Mexico, Branson, Missouri, Las Vegas to the NASCAR races and to a number of stock car races in Central Washington and Monroe. He was a member of the Wenatchee Free Methodist Church, a former

member of the Wenatchee Aerie # 204 F.O.E. and a longtime member of the Aluminum Glass and Brick Workers Union.

Mr. Murphy had coached baseball and was a Special Olympics Coach and had coached Basketball, Baseball, Soccer, Swimming and Bowling.

John was a huge supporter of his grandchildren, their activities and racing and was a great babysitter. He was an avid Seahawks fan and season ticket holder. He had and wore a lot of Seahawks apparel. He was an active Wenatchee Panthers supporter and regularly sat with his hometown boys and other sports alumnus. He loved riding his motorcycle and also rode it to work often.

He is survived by his wife, Carolyn Murphy, Wenatchee; five children, Barbara & (Todd) Marsh-Cain, Edmonds, WA, Tonya & (Tony) Parker, Wenatchee, Shawn Holtz, Shreveport, LA, Robbin "Rob" & (Tammy) Ingram, Wenatchee and Brian Murphy, Wenatchee; four grandchildren, Joshua Ingram, Wenatchee, Britt Holtz, and Hillary Holtz both of Vernal, Utah and Jared (Megan Shaw)Ingram, East Wenatchee and one great grandson, Kellan Ingram, Wenatchee. He was preceded in death by his parents, one son, Michael Jon Holtz and one brother, Jerry Wayne Murphy.

A Memorial Services will be held on Friday, March 15, 2013, 1:00pm at the Wenatchee Free Methodist Church with Pastor Les Krober, officiating. You are invited to visit his online tribute and leave a message at www.HeritageMemorialChapel.com . Arrangements are in the care of Heritage Memorial Chapel, East Wenatchee.

Tribute Wall

EK

“ We are so sorry for Johns Passing.
Sincerely,
Erin, Daryl and Suzanne.

Erin Koch - March 15, 2013 at 01:21 AM

JW

“ Caroline....I will be out of town so I will not be able to attend John's service. John was not only a long time policyholder but a good friend that happened to do business with me. Brother Jerry was my age and we attended school together for about 8 or 10 years. Please take care....John White

John White - March 14, 2013 at 06:05 PM

JG

“ I have known John through bowling for 15 hears and he was a great family man and friend. Will miss him terribly. Condolences to the family especially Carolyn and Bryan.

John Gerfy - March 14, 2013 at 03:31 PM

DE

“ I grew up with John and Jerry Murphy. Spent many days at the Murphy home. John was fun to be around and playing sports. My thoughts and prayers to the family. He was a great father and husband and friend.

Dennis English - March 13, 2013 at 10:24 PM

JW

“ We are very sorry for your loss. John will be missed. He always had a smile on his face and enjoyed conversations with everyone, young and old! He was a great man! Our love and thoughts go out to the family at this difficult time. With love, Jeff & Teresa

Jeff & Teresa Williams - March 13, 2013 at 09:37 AM