



## Lavern Lee Harden

January 13, 1948 - May 13, 2013

Lavern Lee "Vern" Harden, 65, a 15 year Entiat resident, passed away at his home on Monday, May 13, 2013, following a sudden illness.

He was born on January 13, 1948 at Sioux Falls, South Dakota to the late Lloyd and Harriett (Foulk) Harden. He was raised and received his education to beginning high school in Sioux Falls prior to moving to Timber Lake, South Dakota, where he graduated from high school. Following his graduation from high school, he entered the U.S. Air Force. He became a Sergeant in the Air Force and while stationed at Mountain Home Air Force Base, in Southern Idaho, he met Donna Wathen. They were later married and after receiving his honorable discharge in 1971, they made their home together in Yakima. Vern worked first for a fire protection and equipment company before working for United Totalizer as an Electronics Repairman.

On April 15, 1980, he was preceded in death by his wife, Donna. He remained in Yakima until moving to the Chelan and Manson area in the early 1990's. He went to work in the heavy construction industry and worked for Western Washington Laborers Union, working on road and highway projects. He moved to make his home in Entiat in 1997. He owned Karaoke equipment and since his nick name was "Curley", he started a company known as "Kurleyokee". He was currently operating at the "Headwaters" in Leavenworth. He is survived by one son, Erik J. Harden, Sammamish, WA; two brothers and one sister-in-law, Lyle Harden, North Carolina and Lynn & Tracy Harden, Yakima, WA; two sisters and one son-in-law, Lucille Middleton, Sioux Falls,

South Dakota and Laura & Ed Thompson, Moberly, Missouri; six step-brothers, five step-sisters, two grandchildren, Donna Kay Lorraine Harden and Nathan Michael Harden both of Sammamish, WA and his longtime friend, Kathy Strain of Entiat.

A Celebration of Life service will be held on Thursday, May 23rd at 2:00 p.m. at Brookside Funeral Home, 500 W. Prospect PL., Moxee, WA. A Inurnment service with Military Honors will follow in Terrace Heights Cemetery, Yakima. Local Arrangements are in the care of Heritage Memorial Chapel, East Wenatchee.

# Tribute Wall

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“ Vern we love you and miss you very much. Thank you for always being there for my mom and a grandfather figure to my kids. Erik if you and the kids ever need anything just give me a call. Michelle

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**Michelle** - May 17, 2013 at 09:47 PM

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“ As set here thinking of the best friend anyone could every ask for I wonder how much diffrent life for the people that loved you will be. Vern it only been a few day and I miss you so much. Im sure that many others fell the same you were a good friend to so many. I will think of you often and miss you greatly. To your son Erik and grandchildren I wish them the best as I know they are missing you too. rip Vern you tell mom not to eat to many cripy cream donuts. Bye until we meet again. Kathy

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