



## Leonard Leroy Williams

September 9, 1933 - October 29, 2009

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Leonard Leroy Williams, 76, of Wenatchee, lost his courageous battle with cancer on Thursday, October 29, 2009, at his home surrounded by his loving family.

He was born September 9, 1933, in St. Ignatius Montana, to Jacque Leland and Rosalie Carmelita (Ashley) Williams. He attended Catholic school at the Villa Ursulines in St. Ignatius and other schools on the Flathead Reservation. In the fall of 1940, the family moved to Grand Coulee, Washington where his father worked on the Grand Coulee Dam and his mother cooked in the local restaurants. He graduated from Grand Coulee High School in 1952.

He was a veteran of the United States Army (1953-1956), Army Reserves(1956-1958) and of the United States Navy (1958-1959). He was a member of the Confederated Salish and Kootenai Indian Tribes of the Flathead Reservation in Montana.

He met the love of his life, Virginia Overbey, in Electric City after he was discharged from the Navy. They were married in Coeur d'Alene, Idaho on November 5, 1959.

Leonard worked construction at several of the dams on the Columbia River before going to work at Alcoa in 1965. He was an equipment operator at Alcoa and known as "Chief" until his retirement in 1996.

Leonard enjoyed fishing at Lake Roosevelt with his fishing buddy Jake. He and Virginia also attended many Blue Grass Festivals in their RV. His greatest joy was spending time with his children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren. Len was an exceptional father and grandfather. He will also be remembered as being kind to anyone and everyone he met. We will all miss his smile and jokes and his endless help and patience with Virginia's honey-do-list over the past 50 years.

He was preceded in death by his parents, two brothers, Fred and Dick Williams and one sister, Rose Ellen Hall.

His survivors include his wife, Virginia, at home; sons, Ted (Maria) of Nice, California; Lenny (TerriLynn) of Woodinville; Ron (Rozy) of Wenatchee; and Fred of Wenatchee; daughters, Christy Such of East Wenatchee; Marci Williams of Anchorage, Alaska; and Vickie Williams of Dutch Harbor, Alaska; 19 grandchildren and 14 great grandchildren and numerous nieces, nephews and cousins. Services will be held at 1:00 on Thursday, November 5, 2009 at Heritage Memorial Chapel. Burial will be on Friday, November 6, 2009 at 11:00 at Spring Canyon Cemetery in Grand Coulee.

The family would like to thank Dr. David Notter, his staff and the "chemo" girls at Wenatchee Valley Clinic for all of their patience, love and compassion over these past several months.

# Tribute Wall

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“ Thanks for all the memories since childhood. I will never forget all the special times shared with the whole family. My condolences to you all. Leonard had to leave you all behind for awhile here on earth, but forever will remain in your hearts. Leonard will always be with you. Love to you all...



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**Diane(Jech) Swift & family** - November 05, 2009 at 01:21 AM

LB

“ Hi Vickie: I am so sorry to read of your dad's passing. I remember him and your mom always making their home open to us crazy teenagers. He was always so nice. Thinking of you. Laurie (Schuster) Bender

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**Laurie (Schuster) Bender** - November 03, 2009 at 10:49 AM

MH

“ I worked with Leonard for many years at Alcoa. He always seemed to have a grin on his face and took the time to talk to me. He was a good person. He will be missed.

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**Mark Harle** - November 03, 2009 at 05:40 AM

LD

“ *Your love, patience, guidance, friendship, honor and integrity will keep you alive in each of us. We will miss your smiles, your stories and those wonderful hugs, but we are comforted in knowing that you are no longer suffering, but at peace. We love you.*



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**Lenny & TerriLynn Christopher & Diane** - November 02, 2009 at 10:04 PM

RT

“ *We love you dad/grandpa. We miss you, but know you are finally at peace in the "happy hunting grounds."*



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**Ron & Rozy Wendy & John Madi & Travis** - November 01, 2009 at 01:55 PM