



## Raymond Edward Witten

June 27, 1933 - June 1, 2012

Raymond E. "Ray" Witten, 78, a lifelong Central Washington resident and 57 year Wenatchee area resident, passed away from natural causes, on Friday June 1, 2012.

He was born on June 27, 1933 at Waterville, Washington to the late John A. and Emma (Prange) Witten. He was raised educated in Waterville, graduating with the class of 1951. He continued his education at Wenatchee Valley College prior to entering the U.S. Army in 1953 and serving during the Korean Conflict. He received his honorable discharge in 1955 and returned to make his home in Wenatchee briefly before making his home in East Wenatchee. Ray worked as a Butcher and later as the Manager of the Curtis Thriftway grocery store in East Wenatchee for many years. He later worked for KPQ in radio advertising sales and briefly worked as a car salesman for Ted Finkbeiner Motors. He was elected as a Douglas County Sewer District Commissioner and remained in that position until the fall of 2011.

He was a longtime active member of the Applearians.

He is survived by two daughters, Jeanne (Mike) Everhart, East Wenatchee and Elizabeth "Beth" (John) Neff, East Wenatchee; one sister, Louise Mahugh, Wenatchee; 6 grandchildren and 8 great grandchildren.

A Celebration of Life Service will be held at Eastmont Baptist Church in East Wenatchee, (date and time will be announced in the Tuesday edition of The Wenatchee World). Arrangements are in the care of Heritage Memorial Chapel, East Wenatchee.



# Tribute Wall

SA

“ Sorry to hear of Ray's passing. I worked for Ray when he was the Manager of Curtis Thriftway in East Wenatchee, from 1969 to 1972. Condolences to Jeanne, Mike, and your kids.

Scott

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**Scott Allen** - June 12, 2012 at 04:56 PM

RC

“ To the family of Ray,  
I first met Ray in the early 1960's when I played basketball in highschool.He was an excellent,imparcial referee whenever he officiated a game.I'm sure I didn't always appreciate that at the time if he called me for a foul.Ray was very good at being fair to both sides in a game.

I later went to work at Curtis Thriftway in the meat department.My main job was to clean the equipment,floors and counters,but in a short time Ray had shone me how to grind hamburger,make cube steak,make sausage and many other more interesting jobs in the department.He was a great guy to work with and a great teacher.He also told me not to expect any favors on the basketball court.I expected no less.

We are very sorry for your loss.There was only one Ray and he will be greatly missed by all who knew him.

Very sincerely,  
Russ and Linda Carveth

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**Russ and Linda Carveth** - June 09, 2012 at 08:21 PM

SS

“ We are so sorry for the loss of your dad/grandpa. For us he was a part of Eastmont and the community. Always there, always encouraging and always smiling. He will be missed by all.

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**Steve, Mindi and Jessica Stuart** - June 06, 2012 at 11:38 PM

KL

“ Ray you will be dearly missed. I have many good memories from when I was a kid and remember how cheerful and nice you always were when I would visit my nana (Mable Knowles) and we'd go visit you. You were a dear friend to Mable and I know she truly valued your friendship. My sincere condolences to Ray's family. - Kacy

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**Kacy Knowles Lesh** - June 06, 2012 at 08:26 PM

JC

“ Dear sweet Ray! You will be missed by so many! You were such a good husband and friend to Magge!

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**Janice Campbell** - June 04, 2012 at 11:34 PM

PB

“ Beth, Jean and families,  
We are so sorry to hear of your loss. Ray will be greatly missed. We had so many fun times with stories to tell. May you be comforted with fond memories of him.

Sincerely,  
Penny

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**Penny and John Brockwell** - June 02, 2012 at 09:33 PM