



Richard " Jerry " Martin

February 1, 1927 - January 1, 2010

Richard J. "Jerry" Martin, 82, a longtime resident of the Wenatchee Valley, passed away January 1, 2010 at his East Wenatchee home, after a courageous battle with cancer.

He was born February 1, 1927 at Ladysmith, Wisconsin to Prentice and Nellie (Strop) Martin, where he spent his youth and completed his education. During World War II, he served in the U.S. Army in the Pacific Theater and was honorably discharged in 1946.

On February 21, 1948, he married Gloria Bomford in Wenatchee, Washington. He began his working career with the Great Northern Railroad in Wenatchee and later joined Safeway Stores Inc. During his career with Safeway, he served as the Store Manager in Leavenworth and Cashmere. In 1975, he purchased an orchard in East Wenatchee, which he continued to successfully operate until his passing.

He and his wife enjoyed traveling to various horse racing tracks on the west coast, numerous vacation trips to Mexico and spending winters at their condominium in Laughlin, Nevada.

He was preceded in death by his parents, his wife of 57 years, and one grandson. He is survived by his children, Ken Martin (Cathy) of Wenatchee,

Laurel Blaisdell (Brent) of Puyallup and Allan Martin (Sue) of Olympia. He is also survived by his sisters, Jean Ann Shamley and Pat Fisher both of Wenatchee, 5 grandchildren, and 3 great grandchildren. His extended family of friends, cousins, nieces, nephews, brothers-in-law and their spouses were all very important to Jerry.

Jerry was a member of Faith Lutheran Church in East Wenatchee. The family would like to thank the doctors, nurses and caregivers who assisted in caring for our father the past several months.

A Graveside Memorial Service will be held at 2:00 p.m. on Wednesday, January 6th at Evergreen Memorial Park, East Wenatchee, with the Rev. Clarence "Mick" Marquardt, officiating. Visitation will be at the funeral home on Tuesday from 2:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. and Wednesday from 9:00 a.m. to noon. In Lieu of flowers, the family suggested donations be made to the Muscular Dystrophy Association.

Please sign in or leave a memory for the family by visiting www.HeritageMemorialChapel.com . Arrangements are in the care of Heritage Memorial Chapel, East Wenatchee.

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“ Dear Alan and Ken,

How sad to lose your father. I have had talks with Alan and heard him talk about his father and what an influence he had on both of you. I just wanted you both to know that I am thinking of you and caring about you.

Siri

Siri Woods - January 11, 2010 at 07:21 AM

JD

“ Gpa-we will love you and miss you dearly. Some lessons gpa taught me through the years-

-Clean as you go.

-Family is the most important factor in your life.

-Your children are the TOP priority.

-You are as good as you think you are.

-Nobody is better than you based on what they own or who they think they are.

Along with many, many other lessons. I know you said my education was the most important thing, but I knew when you were diagnosed that your time was unfortunately limited, and I made family the most important thing. Spending the last few months with you was time well spent. I will treasure memories of you and grandma forever.

Jennifer Dillon - January 06, 2010 at 02:19 AM