



## Royal D. Fechner

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East Wenatchee, Washington

Royal D. Fechner, 86, a longtime East Wenatchee resident, passed away Monday November 18, 2024 at Central Washington Hospital in Wenatchee. He was born on October 7, 1938 in Ravinia, SD, to the late Theodore and Elvie (Gere) Fechner. He moved with his family to the Peshastin area when he was a child. Royal attended Cashmere schools and graduated in 1957.

Royal met Darla (McGrew) on her 16th birthday, July 26, 1956, in front of her home on Orondo Street in Wenatchee. Not long after, they began dating. The couple were married on August 28, 1959, in Wenatchee, where they started their first home together. For a brief time, Royal and Darla lived in New Mexico while he served in the military. Following his honorable discharge, they returned to East Wenatchee to build their life together.

Royal had a diverse and hardworking career. He began working for ALCOA and later owned the Mobile Service Station at the corner of 5th and Mission Street in Wenatchee. For many years, he enjoyed working alongside friends at various service stations and small mechanic shops throughout the valley.

Eventually, Royal returned to ALCOA, where he officially "retired" at the remarkable age of 75.

Always active, retirement wasn't in Royal's nature. He continued working, this time with other "retired" friends for the USDA Wildlife Services to fish for pikeminnow on the Columbia. He officially retired in 2017 to stay home with his wife Darla. When Royal wasn't hard at work, he could often be found chukar hunting, tinkering on cars at his dad's shop, chopping firewood, or enjoying his favorite pastime—fishing.

Royal is survived by his one son and daughter-in-law, Neal and Ashley Fechner of Wenatchee; one daughter and son-in-law, Barbara and Jeremy Tomlinson of East Wenatchee; one sister Shirley Fox of Wenatchee; one very precious granddaughter, Emoree Mae Fechner of Wenatchee, WA. He was preceded in death by the love of his life Darla, both parents, and one sister Florence Sawatzky.

Services will be held on Monday, December 2, 2024, 10am at Heritage Memorial Chapel, with a Graveside immediately following at Evergreen Memorial Chapel

# Previous Events

## Service

DEC 2. 10:00 AM - 1:00 PM (PT)

Heritage Memorial Chapel Funeral Home

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# Tribute Wall

TB

“ Dear Neil, Barbara and family I knew your dad 52 years . He was a great guy His family was so important to him. He will be missed.  
Sincerely Tom and LaVerne Bergstrom

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**thomas Bergstrom** - December 02, 2024 at 12:29 PM

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“ Sending love to Neal & Barb ♡.  
Royal's hilarious inappropriate jokes will be missed by many! ♡

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**Desireé** - December 01, 2024 at 10:38 PM

BJ

“ Dear Neil, Barbara and Family,  
Your dad Royal and our dad Lyle Gere were cousins. Our dad would tell us stories of all the good times they shared as kids. The summer camp outs at Peshastin/Dryden and the family reunions.

We remember well all the holidays when we were little, and Royal and Darla would visit us. Lots of card games and fun. They spoiled us with love and attention and made sure we knew they loved us and we were special to them. They always brought us gifts to open early before Christmas.

In 2018 Royal made many visits to Lyle while he was in Regency Rehab with a broken ankle. Royal took it upon himself to be Lyle's "Coach" during his physical therapy time. Lyle loved having Royal's company and comic relief during his visits.

We all loved Royal very much. He had sweet endearing nicknames for each of us we will forever remember. We look forward to spending eternity with him in Heaven.

Sincerely,  
Joy Gere  
Loy Kay Gere-Dougan  
Bonnie Gere-Johnson  
Danny Gere

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**Bonnie Gere Johnson** - November 30, 2024 at 01:24 PM

BT

“ Love you Porkchop! Miss you every day.  
Love, Brighteyes



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**Barbie Tomlinson** - November 25, 2024 at 03:48 PM

WW

“ To the family of royal, I am sorry for your loss. I worked with and got to know royal quite well over the years, I remember him for his kindness, since of humor and love for his family. rest in peace. Your friend wendell

Wendell whaley - November 24, 2024 at 09:55 AM

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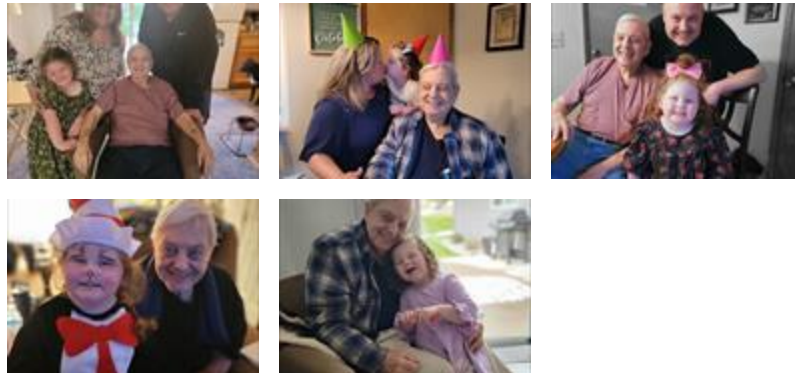
“ Ashley Fechner lit a candle in memory of Royal D. Fechner



Ashley Fechner - November 22, 2024 at 01:12 AM

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“ Just a few of the many memories we will cherish with our beloved Royal AKA Papa. His one and only granddaughter loved every minute she spent with her Papa. He will missed so much.



Ashley Fechner - November 22, 2024 at 01:09 AM



“ *From all of us at Heritage Memorial Chapel, we send our condolences to you and your family, and everyone who knew Royal. It is our honor to have Royal entrusted to our care.*



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**Heritage Memorial Chapel** - November 21, 2024 at 02:11 PM