



William Lee Byrd

January 10, 1936 - April 7, 2012

William Lee "Bill" Byrd Sr., 76, a lifelong Wenatchee Valley resident, passed away at his home, on Saturday, April 7th, following a brief illness.

He was born on January 10, 1936 at Wenatchee, to the late Clifford and Dorothy (Bagwell) Byrd. He was raised and attended school in Entiat. He entered the U.S. Army and served his first term from 1961 through 1963. He met and was later married to Charolette Marie Housden on September 29, 1961 at Coeur d' Alene, Idaho. He was recalled to serve a second time and served under President Kennedy, during the Berlin Crises'. He received his second honorable discharge on December 31, 1964.

They moved to Chelan in 1965 and in the summer of 1966 moved to Wenatchee to make their home. Bill found employment briefly in area orchards before hiring on at Star Mobile Homes. He started off driving the tractors; moving and setting up the mobile homes, and worked his way up to becoming the Service Manager. During the late 1980's, he went to work for Crestview Orchards, where he became the Orchard Foreman. An injury in 1988 forced him to retire.

Bill enjoyed his family, camping & hunting trips and was a regular member of the coffee group at the Wenatchee Buzz In.

He is survived by his wife of 50 years, Charolette; one son and daughter-in-law; William Lee Jr. & Elsa Byrd, Bellevue, two daughters and son-in-laws; Sarah & Matt Byers, Wenatchee and Sylvia & Dan Logan, East Wenatchee, one sister; Lorreana Larkin, Waterville, one brother and sister-in-law; Delbert

& Eileen Byrd, Dryden and four grandchildren; William L. "Buck" and Ashley Byrd of Bellevue and Katie and Kyle Byers of Wenatchee as well as his hunting partner and good friend, Vern Netz, Wenatchee.

He was preceded in death by his parents, brothers; Dea and Chester Byrd, and sister; Sally Byrd.

A Remembrance Gathering will be held at a later date. You are invited to visit his tribute and leave a memory at www.HeritageMemorialChapel.com.

Arrangements are in the care of Heritage Memorial Chapel, East Wenatchee.

Tribute Wall

KF

“ I'm so sorry for your loss. Bill was such a sweet and special person. I'll always remember him coming to see Sarah at work. He was there so often that I started calling him "Dad". He always talked about his kids and grandkids; it was obvious he loved his family very much. My thoughts and prayers are with all of you.

Kris Files - April 17, 2012 at 06:52 PM

VS

“ Charolette and family; I was sorry to hear about William (if I say Bill I think of his Uncle) It has been some time since we all gathered at Mothers and Cliffords place in East Wenatchee. Since they are both gone as their children we should keep in touch. but we do not. Sorry to know William was sick so long and I did not contact your family to see how everyone was. If you get a chance call me. I have pictures of all of us and our families at Mother & Clifford for Easter I think but would be glad to get a copy for you. I was Williams older step sister as my birthday was March same year as him. Virginia Kanekoa, Milner, Snyder.

Virginia Snyder - April 15, 2012 at 11:08 PM

TB

“ I was sorry to see that Bill passed away. Just wanted the family to know you are in my thoughts. I can still remember the day when I stayed the night out on easy street and billy and wally had made some "orange drinks" sylvia and i decided to try, that was a mistake i still can't drink sunny delight to this day. We were in rough shape the next morning and Bill made us get up and go fishing and ride in the back of the truck, we bounced around going up hill to lake. I always wondered if he somehow knew and was teaching us a lesson :)

Tracy Bookwalter - April 15, 2012 at 10:50 PM

LF

“ Our hearts and prayers go out to all of you in your loss. Uncle Bill will be the best angel in heaven.. We love you.

Lonnie and Claudia Fryman - April 13, 2012 at 06:58 PM

DH

“ I'm very sorry for the family's loss Bill and I had several good conversations. Some were arguments and some were just good times. He loved his family and hunting I will miss him Don

Don Hill - April 13, 2012 at 05:31 PM

KS

“ I'm so sorry to here about Bill I know that word can't take away your pain but know that you have friends that care and love you. I just remember when Bill and Mack worked together and how much fun they had we always enjoyed coming to your house and spending time with your family. My prayers go out to you and the kids.

Kathy Strain - April 13, 2012 at 12:22 AM