



Duane M. Hendrickson

February 4, 1929 - March 17, 2019

Duane Marvin Hendrickson was born February 4, 1929 in Eagle Bend Minnesota to Melvin and Laura Hendrickson. He was the oldest of his five brothers. He lived and went to school at various locations in northern Minnesota and at age 15 went to live on the farm of Paul Kruger in Sauk Center.

He married his grade school sweetheart, Kathleen Corrick in 1949. Their daughter Diana was born in Minnesota and daughter Terry in North Dakota. The family moved to Wenatchee in 1956 where they later had their son Lee.

During his lifetime, Duane drove truck in the iron mines near Duluth, worked in a TB sanitarium in Walker, harvested wheat on a farm in North Dakota, worked on the railroad near Waterville, pumped gas for Texaco on Wenatchee Avenue, and worked in many area orchards. He worked for the Valley Evaporating Company for almost 30 years, primarily as the packing building supervisor, until they closed the Wenatchee plant. He worked the last 7 years before he retired as a custodian for Columbia grade school.

Duane taught Sunday school for 20 years at First Baptist church and another 20 years at the Wenatchee Free Methodist where he was even known to stand on his head when all students memorized their verses. Duane and Kathy enjoyed traveling - at first it was in the family cars, camping and sleeping in rest areas, later in the camper Duane built from plans he imagined in his head, and then in their beloved motorhome.

Duane was an avid horseshoe player and routinely and humbly won the family horseshoe tournaments. In retirement, he would jog from home to Newberry elementary where he would listen to kindergartners as they practiced their reading and he volunteered with MOPS where he took care of preschoolers.

He was thrilled to get in on the WFM church construction, painting and hanging interior doors. It is rumored that during the church construction he rode his mountain bike around the interior of the facility, including down the yet uncarpeted stairs.

On March 17, 2019, just 6 weeks after his 90th birthday, Duane joined the cocoa and donut time in heaven with those that have preceded him including his parents, wife Kathy, one great grandson, brother's and sister's in law and good family friends. Duane is survived by his 5 brothers, 3 children, 5 grandchildren and 11 great grandchildren. Duane will be sorely missed here on earth by his family and all whose lives he touched.

A Celebration of Life service will be held on Friday, March 22, 2019 at 10:30 A.M. at the Sage Hills Church at 1601 Fifth St., Wenatchee.

Events

MAR **Celebration of Life Service** 10:30AM

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Sage Hills Church

1601 Fifth St, Wenatchee, WA, US, 98801

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“ So sorry to learn that Duane has passed away, and that it took so long for me to discover it. Norway is so far away. I only met Duane and Kathleen once, but it was a very special occasion when our family gathered in Klamath Falls in 1999, for the first time in generations. We shared the same 2nd great grandparents Cecilia and Henrik Emil Henriksen from Hønefoss, Norway. Duane was a descendant of their oldest son Gulbrand, or Gilbert as he was called in America and I am descending from a younger sister Elise. At the gathering that Karen Reynolds had organised in Klamath Falls were also descendants of other of the five siblings that emigrated back in the 19th century. The first generation wrote letters in Norwegian back home, but then came a generation of no communications because of language problems. But recent generations have no problems communicating and when we finally met we had a lot to talk about. A lot of photos were shared and stories were told during two wonderful days. And I was very happy to get a surprise visit by Duane's son Lee and wife Amber a couple of years ago, bringing greetings from Duane and the sad news about Kathleen's death. But I shall always remember the nice and friendly couple and the good time we shared. Rest in peace. Your cousin Ottar Evensen



Ottar Evensen - August 20, 2019 at 06:46 AM



“ Dear family of Duane, I met Duane while delivering Mobile Meals for his lunch. He always thanked me and had a smile. When I admired his lilacs he said "here's the snippers, go pick yourself a bouquet" which I did and we enjoyed the fragrance and beauty in our home. Enjoyed reading his obituary. Thank you, LaRenne Lacey

LaRenne Lacey - March 21, 2019 at 09:04 PM



“ When I first moved to Wenatchee, I had recently lost my dad, gotten married, moved away from my family and started a teaching job at Columbia Elementary. Duane was the night custodian and I can honestly say, my first friend. Duane was kind, generous and so funny! He and I played many pranks on each other over the years. I remember one time he and his beloved Kathy were on a camping trip to the ocean and Duane stopped in my hometown of Elma and took pictures to share with me when he got back home. Another time, he brought Mt. St. Helen's ash to share with me because he thought my students would enjoy seeing it. They did, as well as many other classrooms over the years. Duane was always planting beans in any pot of soil... they would virtually shoot up over night. He and I had many good laughs . Over the years, I would find beans randomly hidden around my classroom. He was always telling me stories of how proud he was of his family. Dare I forget to mention his beautiful irises? He tried to give me bulbs, insisting how easily they would grow. I should have stuck with just planting the beans.

The world will be far less joyful without Duane in it. My favorite saying is "On the day you were born, you cried and the world rejoiced. Live your life, so that when it is over, the world cries and you rejoice."

Duane is definitely rejoicing.

Fondly,
Terri Goveia

Terri Goveia - March 21, 2019 at 03:32 PM



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