



## Alan Badten

December 7, 1928 - November 20, 2016

Alan Badten, long time Withrow resident, passed away peacefully on November 20, 2016, at the age of 87.

His family was moving from the Dakotas to Washington State during the dust bowl when he was born on December 7, 1928, to Ernest and Mabel (Dahl) Badten in Grants Pass, Oregon, the third of four children. The family lived briefly in Orondo and Waterville before settling in Withrow, Washington.

Alan was introduced to Ethel Berk, of Alstown, by mutual friends. He often said that he didn't think that a girl as beautiful as Ethel would take a second look at him. They were married in the Withrow Lutheran Church Parsonage on January 17, 1953, and moved into what would be their family home for the next 63 years. The happy, young couple soon welcomed three children into the family.

As a dry land wheat farmer and cattle rancher the days were long, but he always found time for fun with his family. He truly enjoyed teaching his children, and later his grandchildren, how to drive, ride horses, motorbikes, and snowmobiles. Special family times were weekends on the boat on Lake Chelan, clam digging at Ocean Shores, and mountain snowmobile trips with friends that were like family.

Alan's generous nature and love for his neighbors and all kids often found him helping, loaning, or gifting to them. On one occasion, he secured permission and gave a neighbor boy, Craig Nollmeyer, a piglet. Craig promptly named his new pig "Alan".

Alan had an incredible wit and way of incorporating fun and laughter into any situation. He had a remarkable memory for details of prior days and years. He attended school in Waterville and Withrow. He was a volunteer fireman, School Board member for Withrow School, member of the Douglas Co. Historical Society, and longtime member of the Lake Chelan Yacht Club. He is survived by his loving wife, Ethel; children: Lou Ann Foged (Jens), Gale Badten (Janice), Linda Keller (Zach); grandchildren: Heather Foged (fiancé Michael Epperly), Adam Foged, Wade Foged (Abby), Tyler Badten (Taerrah), Lance Keller (fiancé Kaley Graybeal); great grandchild: Gideon Foged; brother: Vernon Badten; sister: Vera Hansen; cousin: Harold Badten (Karen); two nieces and one nephew. Alan was preceded in death by his parents, his step-mother Meta Badten, his younger sister Lois Major, and his grandson Lee Alan Badten.

Memorials may be made to Waterville Ambulance Fund or Mansfield Ambulance Fund. A celebration of Alan's life will be held in the Spring of 2017. Please express your thoughts and memories on the online guest book at [jonesjonesbetts.com](http://jonesjonesbetts.com). Arrangements are by Jones & Jones – Betts Funeral Home.

# Tribute Wall

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**Linda Keller** - November 23, 2016 at 07:13 PM

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*He was a good man.I will miss him*

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**Larry McCullough** - December 07, 2016 at 09:14 PM

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**Linda Keller** - November 23, 2016 at 07:08 PM

MJ

“ Alan had the bigger boat, with two motors no less. Dad had the ruff riding Bell Boy, one motor. Alan would beat Dad in a race on the water until those motors got out of sink. When not in the dirt we were on the lake with the Badtens. When we were not on the lake we were in church with the Badtens. Many years later I figured out why... it was because Alan had become fast friends with Dad and that was all because he was a man that you could easily like and respect. He just proved every day that he was that kind of person. My hugs and love to Ethel and the children.

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**Mary Jacobsen** - November 22, 2016 at 04:16 PM

CJ

“ Badten family please know that you're in my thoughts and prayers. My sincerest condolences for an incredibly great loss. I'll never forget Alan. He called me Gerald, so I called him Harold. He was a friend to my father and our family. He told me recently that it all started when he went to work for my Grandfather and Dad started taking him on any job they had to do. Now that is a long friendship. I like to think that they are in heaven making new plans and watching over us and having a laugh... love to you all.

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**Cheryle Jacobsen** - November 22, 2016 at 01:25 PM

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“ As we baby boomers start to lose our parents and friends , we are losing a great generation of people who always had time to ask you how things are going. Alan was a friend who had time to ask you just that, When we would meet Alan at different functions , one of the first things he would ask was how are you and the Mrs. . doing and after you told him he would always have a memory or short story about Jeannie as she grew up. Alan was a person who took time and was interested in how we were doing. We always liked to talk with him because he was interested in your family and would say with his smile, it was great talking to you, and you knew he meant it.

*Ed and Jeannie Maw*

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**Ed and Jeannie Maw** - November 22, 2016 at 03:14 AM