



## Bert E. Buchanan

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Bert Erwin Buchanan passed away at Blossom Creek Memory Center in Wenatchee, WA, on April 9, 2017, at the age of 88. Bert was born May 12, 1928, the first born child of John and Clara Buchanan. He grew up in Oak Valley Township, MN, along with his six younger brothers and sisters, and he graduated from high school there in 1946.

Bert entered the Army for two years and became a part of the Occupational Forces in Japan. In 1948, he went to Chicago, IL, to study refrigeration and electronics. Then in 1950, he enlisted in the Air Force for four years. While stationed in Spokane, WA, Bert met Arden Gruenberg, a young school teacher, who would later become his wife. He enrolled at Kinman College in Spokane and graduated with an Accounting degree.

Bert and Arden then moved to Sacramento, CA, where Bert worked many years for a construction company in his role as a Certified Public Accountant. He was also active in their church as the Youth Director.

Upon retirement, Bert and Arden chose to move up to Wenatchee, WA, to be close to Arden's family. They joined the Free Methodist Church (now Sage Hills Church) where Bert served as an usher for many years, and they were actively involved in their Care Group. Bert especially enjoyed a mission trip to Chile to work on building projects. Because he loved gardening, family and friends were always provided with homegrown tomatoes and other vegetables from Bert's garden, often putting a box of fresh vegetables by the church door on Sundays for all to enjoy.

Bert and Arden found much enjoyment traveling on cruises, with their favorite being the Panama Canal trip. Later they had great fun going to Branson, MO, several times.

Bert is survived by his wife of 65 years, Arden Buchanan; and two sisters, LouAnn Laney of Annandale, MN, and Lynette Buchanan of Plymouth, MN; brother-in-law, Jerry Koch of Wenatchee, WA; and many nieces and nephews.

There will be a Graveside Memorial Service at the Wenatchee Cemetery, Tuesday April 18, 2017, at 1:30 p.m.

# Previous Events

## Graveside Service

APR 18. 1:30 PM - 2:30 PM (PT)

Wenatchee City Cemetery  
1804 N. Western  
Wenatchee, WA 98801

# Tribute Wall



“ We were so sorry to hear of Bert's passing. We ushered with Bert and what we remember of him was his friendly smile, helpful attitude, interesting stories, the sharing of his garden bounty and his love for Arden. A life well lived.

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**Jack and Lucy Larkin** - April 17, 2017 at 03:24 PM