



## Claude Edward Munsell

October 5, 1923 - September 13, 2011

Claude E. Munsell, age 87 died at home on Sept. 13, 2011 from End Stage Renal Failure. He was born in Wenatchee on Oct 5, 1923 to Claude and Elsie Bourn Munsell. At the age of 5 he moved to Spokane with his parents where he received his early schooling. He started college at W.L.C. (now W.S.U) in 1942 but enlisted in the US Army after one semester. He was trained as a radio technician and served in the South Pacific until discharged in Dec of 1945. He resumed his college studies at W.S.C. graduating in May of 1949 with a degree in Electrical Engineering. On August 19 he and Patricia Viancour were married at St. Luke's Church in Wenatchee.

He spent his entire working career with Interstate Tel. Co. which was incorporated into G.T.E, in various positions in Moscow, ID, Spokane, WA, Washington D.C, New York City, Muskegon, MI and retired as President of G.T.E. North West in Everett, WA in 1983.

He was a member of Sigma Nu Fraternity, Telephone Pioneers and W.S.U. Foundation.

Claude is survived by his wife of 62 years and 3 children. Jim Muncell (Marsha) of Fairbanks, AK, Claudia Cook (John) of Arlington, VA and Bill Munsell (Beckie) of Colleyville, TX, and 5 grandchildren, Russell & Amy Munsell of Fairbanks, AK, Peter Cook of New York City, Don Cook of

Alexandria, VA and Lillia Munsell of Colleyville, TX, plus 2 great granddaughters.

A memorial service will be held at 1:00 PM Saturday 24, 2011 at St. Luke's Church, King and Cleveland with burial later in Pateros.

In lieu of flowers memorial contributions can be directed to W.S.U. Foundation / Munsell Fund c/o Robin Bielenberg P.O. Box 642714, Pullman, WA. 99164 or any charity of your choice. The family would like to thank the physicians at Wenatchee Valley Medical Center and the staff at Dialysis Center for their loving and professional care, He will be missed by many.

Please express your thoughts and memories on the online guestbook at [jonesjonesbetts.com](http://jonesjonesbetts.com). Arrangements have been entrusted to Jones & Jones ~ Betts Funeral Home

# Previous Events

## Service

SEP **24.** 1:00 PM (PT)

St. Luke's Episcopal  
428 King  
Wenatchee, WA 98801

# Tribute Wall

LB

“ I worked for Claude as his VP Operations when he was President, GTE Northwest. He brought me to the Northwest Company in 1982. In 32 years with GTE I worked for a lot people and several Presidents, but none so gracious as Claude. He brought everyone he touched a sense of respect and dignity. We spent several social occasions with Pat and Claude and what a joy and delight to be with. He was a very special person in my corporate life...I actually thought about him a lot over my 20 years of retired life. I know he will be missed terribly...I am only sorry I was not able to work with him longer than I did. My wife Marsha and I send our deepest sympathy to the family. This world lost a great leader and a marvelous human being.

Larry R,.Bricker  
Sapphire N.C.

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Larry R. Bricker - December 16, 2011 at 03:46 PM

CT

“ So sorry to hear that Claude died this last week , he was a wonderful person and I know he will be missed by everyone in the family. It was great to see him at Davidson's party. We lost our mom in the last month also.  
Carol Terrana ( Frank's Neher's daughter)

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Carol Terrana - September 26, 2011 at 04:01 PM

SM

“ Claude was a wonderful, caring, intelligent man. I have no doubt he will be missed by many, but especially his wife, Pat. My prayers are with you and your family at this time of great loss. Sheryl Montgomery (Bowen-Maag)



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Sheryl Montgomery - September 22, 2011 at 07:44 PM

JE

“ *I will never forget this kind and gentle man of men. What a great asset he was to Kahler Glen. I will never forget him and i feel privilidged to have known him. James Edwards*

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**james edwards** - September 21, 2011 at 04:30 PM