



Delmer O. Ketchie

July 7, 1932 - July 31, 2013

Delmer O. Ketchie, 81, of Wenatchee, passed away on Wednesday, July 31, 2013.

He was a Wenatchee resident for 30 years and he was a Fruit Trees Cold Hardiness Scientist for 29 years at the Trees Fruit Research Center in Wenatchee.

Survivors include his wife, Ewa Pasternak Ketchie of Wenatchee; his children, Kimberly (Ed) Weller of Maple Valley, WA., Kelly (John) Keebler of Newton, New Jersey, Conrad Ketchie of Los Angeles, CA., Adela Ketchie of Wenatchee; five grandchildren and one great grandchild.

Memorial Service will be held at 11:00 a.m. on Saturday, August 3, 2013 at 1st United Methodist Church in Wenatchee.

Please express your thoughts and memories on the online guest book at jonesjonesbetts.com. Arrangements are by Jones & Jones-Betts Funeral Home.

Tribute Wall



“ Jones & Jones - Betts Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Delmer O. Ketchie



Jones & Jones~Betts Funeral Home - July 31, 2013 at 12:00 AM

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“ To Del's Family----I am so so sad that I haven't seen Del in years and did not get to say goodbye to him.....and I am sad for your loss of his wonderful laugh and smile. I grew up coming to WSU Tree Fruit Christmas parties and Del always was so warm and fun---you know when you are a kid at those things all the adults can be intimidating--but he was not! Later I worked in the lab there when I was in high school and college---he would come around during his breaks and tell a joke or tease all of us---never treated me like a child. Always treated me like a research colleague. I will NEVER forget that or forget him. My heart breaks remembering his kind support. Now as I read about all of his wonderful work with communities across the world I am in awe of the man. I read some of his opinion pieces for the newspaper and he was wise and kind---a great combination to help people change their attitudes. I am a long ways away so can't come to the memorial--but I will be thinking about all of you. I am sure Del is off on a great adventure somewhere in the universe---thank you Del for such great memories----Kathy Hoyt, (Stan and Bev Hoyt's daughter from WSU Tree Fruit)

Kathy Hoyt - August 02, 2013 at 03:24 PM

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“ We admired Del for his great outlook on life and the Wenatchee Valley. He and Mike Madland purchased their orchard from us in 1968. It turned out to be a good deal for them and for us. He made significant contributions to the fruit industry that orchardists will benefit for many years to come.

Sincerely,

Earl Tilly

Earl Tilly - August 02, 2013 at 11:43 AM



“ Lovely One Spathiphyllum Plant was purchased for the family of Delmer O. Ketchie.



August 02, 2013 at 10:55 AM