



## Erling Freeberg

November 30, 1934 - August 7, 2021

Erling was born and raised in Bellingham, WA, to Albin and Mathilda Freeberg.

He is preceded in death by siblings Albin, Thyra and Galen. His brother Carlin, resides in Bellingham.

He graduated from Bellingham High School.

He spent two years in the U.S. Marine Corp., an experience he was extremely proud of.

Erling graduated from Western Washington University and later followed with achieving a Masters Degree. He met the love of his life, Dolores, in Bellingham. They married in 1960.

He spent his entire career as a teacher for the Eastmont School District, and enjoyed serving in the Wenatchee Police Department as a reserve officer for many years.

In retirement, he partnered with his wife, Dolores, creating and publishing children's educational art books to be used in the classroom.

He built the family home in 1963 with close friend, Bill Pershall, and continued to reside there through his later years. His grandkids called this house "the sanctuary", a safe place to rest and feel loved.

Erling and Dolores had three children; Kären Lombard (Mark), Kirsten Heale (Gary), and Eric Freeberg. He had three grandsons that he loved dearly; Kaden Smith (Samantha), Jordan Heale and Brett Heale, and one great-

grandson, Arthur Smith. His grandkids lovingly name him “Poppy”, which is what people called him throughout his later years.

“Poppy” was artist and ex-marine with a big heart, a dry sense of humor and quick wit, with extreme family devotion. He was a car enthusiast and always had a “toy” in his garage. He enjoyed building his gun collection, and was the most entertaining arm chair politician you would ever meet!

Poppy, you will truly be missed. We love you, and are so glad that you are at peace.

--Your Family

\*A private family service will take place on August 17th, 2021.

\*Cards or letters may be sent to 915 Woodward Drive, Wenatchee, WA 98801.

\*In lieu of flowers, kindly send a donation to the Wounded Warrior Project ([ww.w.support.woundedwarriorproject.org](http://ww.w.support.woundedwarriorproject.org))

# Previous Events

## Visitation

AUG **16**. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (PT)

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Wenatchee, WA 98801  
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## Traditional Funeral

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# Tribute Wall



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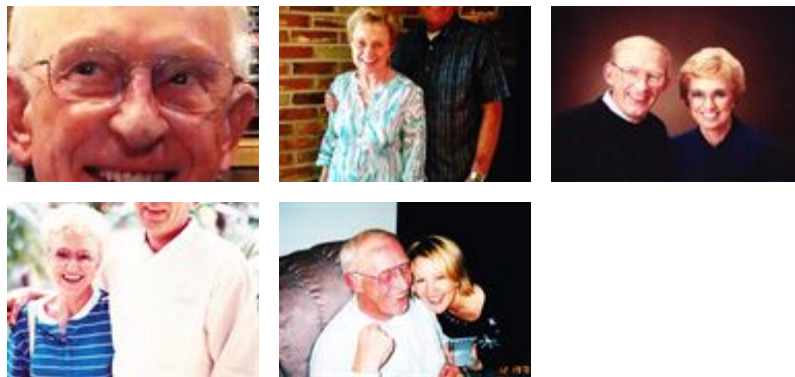


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