



## Eugene Herbert Bennett

February 2, 1934 - February 25, 2016

Eugene H Bennett

Born Bellingham Washington 2/2/34

Graduated from Franklin High School in Seattle.

He married his high school sweet heart Rene and they raised 6 children in Anchorage Alaska.

He started his career as a volunteer firefighter and worked his way up to the position of Fire Chief in the Anchorage Fire Department before his retirement in 1978.

His hobbies and interests included boating, fishing, camping, and outdoor photography. He and Rene traveled extensively around the world.

Gene died peacefully at home February 25, 2016.

He is survived by his wife Rene, their children, grandchildren, and great grandchildren.

Services will be held at 11:00 AM. Friday, March 4, 2016 at St. Joseph's

Catholic Church, 625 S. Elliot in Wenatchee, WA. 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.

# Previous Events

## Service

MAR 4. 11:00 AM (PT)

St. Joseph's Catholic Church  
625 S Elliott  
Wenatchee, WA 98801  
(509) 662-4569  
<http://www.stjosephwen.org/>

# Tribute Wall



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Jones & Jones~Betts Funeral Home - April 13, 2016 at 04:46 PM



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Jones & Jones~Betts Funeral Home - April 12, 2016 at 06:52 PM

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“ Gene was, if I remember correctly, Deputy Chief when I hired on to the AFD in 1973. He made Chief a year or two later then led us through the minefield of integration with the neighboring borough fire department. His leadership got us all (both departments) through it and on to bigger and better service for the community.

To his family I offer my most heartfelt condolences. I consider myself one of his 'fire department' family members and grieve with you.

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**Dan Tucker (AFD 1973-2002)** - March 31, 2016 at 12:48 AM

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“ My condolences to the family. I didn't hire on the Anchorage Fire Department until 1980 but I had met him and had the opportunity to receive guidance from him about my potential future career choice. He is missed. Tom Wells

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**Thomas Wells** - March 30, 2016 at 09:52 PM

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“ Just found out about our lost, Rene. Gene and I were both volunteers on the Anchorage Fire Department When we both hired about the same time. He was just 19 and I was 18 at the time. So young at the time and a lot of memories. My condolences to you and your family. Walter Gridley

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**Walter Gridley** - March 29, 2016 at 07:02 PM