



## Eugene "Gene" W. Lubking Jr.

October 14, 1931 - May 22, 2011

Eugene Walter "Gene" Lubking, Jr. Wenatchee, WA

"Gene" was born in 1931, in Wenatchee, WA to Eugene "Dutch" Lubking, Sr. and Edna Lubking. He passed away suddenly on Saturday, May 21, 2011. He grew up in Wenatchee with his best friend, his brother five years his junior, Jerry Lubking. In 1949, he graduated from Wenatchee High School and immediately following, he played baseball for the first team fielded by Wenatchee Valley College in 1950, earning All-State honors as a pitcher. After

baseball, he went into the United States Navy in 1950, to serve on the USS Brinkley Bass Destroyer during the Korean War, where he was honorably discharged in 1954, as a Yeoman Second Class. In 1951, while active in the Navy, he returned home on leave to marry his dear high school sweetheart, Mary. They had 59 wonderful years together. In 1956, they moved to Seattle so

he could finish his Business degree at the University of Washington, where he graduated in 1959, and returned home to Wenatchee to operate several businesses with his brother, Jerry, which included "Gene & Jerry's Shell Service Station" and a successful used car lot. He then began his long career at Chelan County P.U.D. in 1961, and retired in 1988, as Director of Power Operations. Gene and Mary enjoyed spending quality time with their four beautiful

grandchildren, Nicole (19), Trevor (18), Brooke (14) and Mallory (14),

attending every event they could. He was an avid golfer and lifelong University of Washington Husky and Seattle Mariners' fan.

He had an immense love and passion for his family and was forever grieving the loss of his brother and best friend, Jerry, who passed away in 1981. He and the sweet love of his life, Mary, enjoyed their grandchildren, each other and their love for the game of golf. Family was always first... He was very active with his Navy ship, The USS Brinkley Bass (DD-887) Association, attending the reunion every summer for over ten years and serving as President for eight of those years. He was a current member of the Wenatchee Golf & Country Club, past member of the Apple City Lions Club, lifelong YMCA member, several Veteran's organizations and was a member of the Wenatchee First United Methodist Church. He was preceded in death by his father, "Dutch"; mother, Edna; and brother, Jerry Lubking. He is survived by his loving wife, Mary; son, Tom (55); daughter, Cindy (49); and his four wonderful grandchildren. He will truly be missed. Services will be held at the First United Methodist Church in Wenatchee, WA on Thursday, May 26, 2011, at 9:30 a.m. The family requests, in lieu of flowers, please donate to your favorite charity. Please express your thoughts and memories on the online guestbook at [jonesjonesbetts.com](http://jonesjonesbetts.com). Arrangements by Jones & Jones~Betts Funeral Home, Wenatchee.

# Cemetery Details

## Wenatchee City Cemetery

1804 N. Western  
Wenatchee, WA 98801

# Previous Events

## Service

MAY 26. 9:30 AM (PT)

First United Methodist  
941 Washington  
Wenatchee, WA 98801  
(509) 663-1607  
<http://www.firstumchurch.org>

# Tribute Wall

LC

“ *It was such a pleasure to meet Gene at the Brinkley Bass reunion in Branson last summer. You are all in our thoughts and prayers.*  
*Glenn and Linda Cummings*  
*Beaumont, TX*

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**Linda Cummings** - May 26, 2011 at 09:03 AM

HP

“ *1 file added to the tribute wall*



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**Harold O. and Colleen R. Peart** - May 25, 2011 at 07:46 PM

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“ *Gene was a friend and classmate of mine and we visited with him and his wife regularly at the monthly Class Dinner. We will miss him greatly.*  
*Sincerely, Harold O. & Colleen R. Peart*

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**Harold O. and Colleen R. Peart** - May 25, 2011 at 07:44 PM

DP

*In 1999, after our 50th High School reunion, some of us came up with the idea that we'd enjoy getting together more often, so monthly Class Dinners resulted. Gene and Mary were 'regulars, and usally we had turnouts of 20 - 25 classmates and spouses attending. These dinners were popular with all of us, and much enjoyed. I have appreciated becoming better acquainted with Gene and Mary. They've been a special couple since High School days.*

*Sincerely, Donald & Darlene (Fisher) Petersen*

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**Donald H. & Darlene I. Petersen** - May 26, 2011 at 02:01 AM

BJ

“ So sad to hear of the loss of Uncle Gene. I have nothing but good memories of him. Wish we could be there tomorrow for the funeral service. Sending a big hug to you Aunt Mary, Tom & Cindy. He will be greatly missed!

xoxo

*Matt, Buffi & Kyan*

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**Buffi Jones** - May 24, 2011 at 11:51 AM