



## Frank K. Lafayette

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Frank K. LaFayette, 100 years old, went to be with his Lord and Savior Jesus Christ on January 29, 2024. His family was at his side at his passing. He was born to Frank Kottka LaFayette and Mabel Elizabeth Bievenour LaFayette in Kent, WA. Frank attended elementary school in Kent until his parents moved to Nespelem to open a grocery store. It was there that he completed his schooling, graduating from Nespelem High School.

Frank then moved to Seattle and lived with his sister a short time before enlisting in the U.S. Navy during World War II. He was assigned to the Destroyer USS Grayson. He served in the South Pacific. When he was discharged, he came back to Seattle and worked as a sheet metal fabricator at Todd Shipyards. It was there that he met Cora Foss. They were married on June 2, 1945, at the First Lutheran Church of West Seattle. They lived in Seattle where their first daughter Sherrie was born. They then moved to Eastern Washington and finally settled in Brewster at which time their next two daughters Bonnie and Ruth Ann were born. Seven years later a brother Frank was born.

While in Brewster Frank worked in the grocery business for Dick Weeks and Leonard Elwell for 18 years after which time he purchased the business. After that endeavor he sold the store and purchased a mini-mart in Wenatchee at the corner of 5th and Western Ave. in 1971. He then developed the property

surrounding the store building two strip malls and converting the gas station into a Drive- in which is now known as Dizzy D's. Frank had a keen eye for business ventures. He then sold his business to his son Frank who later sold the store business to his daughter Michelle LaFayette.

Upon retirement Frank and Cora traveled extensively around the United States as well as overseas to the Holy Lands and Europe. He is survived by his children Sherrie (Larry) McDonald, Bonnie Coppock, Ruth Ann (Ron) Paslay and Frank (Lisa) LaFayette as well as his grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Friends and family may visit on Thursday, February 22nd from 4:00 to 6:00PM at Jones & Jones – Betts Funeral Home.

Frank's life will be celebrated on Friday, February 23rd at 1:00 PM at Evergreen Memorial Park Mausoleum Chapel.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

FEB **22**. 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM (PT)

Jones & Jones ~ Betts Funeral Home  
302 9th Street  
Wenatchee, WA 98801  
(509) 662-1561  
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## Celebration of Life Service

FEB **23**. 1:00 PM (PT)

Evergreen Memorial Park Mausoleum  
1301 10th Street NE  
East Wenatchee, WA 98802

# Tribute Wall



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