



Franklyn Charles Ray

March 12, 1938 - May 5, 2015

Franklyn Charles Ray was born March 12, 1938 in Menlo, Washington and passed away on May 5, 2015 in Wenatchee. During his youth he could be found playing sports or helping his grandparents on their farm. Frank and his future wife, Kaye Murdock, met as toddlers. Frank began dating Kaye while they were in Junior High, and married the love of his life in 1959.

Frank served in the army in Alaska as a Communications Specialist, which jumpstarted his long career in the telephone industry. His future job with General Telephone took him to Pullman, Davenport, Quincy and finally Wenatchee, where he retired after 30 years. Along the way Frank and Kaye had four sons, Doug, Terry, Brian and Rick. Frank was their biggest cheerleader at sporting events and any other endeavor the boys did.

Frank's biggest joys in life besides his children were his grandchildren. He loved Chelsea, Mandy, Krista, Mallory, Kellen, Cameron and Rine. He was fondly known as "Grandpa Motorhome." The grandkids enjoyed taking trips with Frank and Kaye and looked forward to the fishing, swimming, camping, putt putt golf and all of the other fun events that Frank would make sure were part of each adventure.

Frank was involved over the years in several service groups such as the Lions, Elks and Telephone Pioneers. He also loved to travel, and took his motorhome across the United States with Kaye along for the ride. He and Kaye also lived in Kihei, Maui, Hawaii for several years.

Above everything else, Frank spent the majority of his retired years as a

helper. He and Kaye often traveled to help others whenever they were called upon or saw that they could help. They helped care for ill family members, remodel homes, house sat and on and on. This past year Frank enjoyed babysitting his great granddaughter Sadie. Sadie's favorite place to nap was curled up on Grandpa's lap.

Frank is survived by his loving wife, best friend and companion of 56 years, Kaye, their sons Terry and Brian, and all of his grandchildren and great grandchildren. He is preceded in death by his oldest son Doug and his youngest son Rick.

The family would like to thank special friends Cork and Bonnie MacKinnon for their love and support throughout all of their years of friendship and during these past few difficult months.

A memorial service for Frank will be held on Saturday, May 23rd at Calvary Bible Church at 3:00 in the afternoon. The location of the reception to follow will be announced at the service. Please express your thoughts and memories on the online guest book at jonesjonesbetts.com. Arrangements are by Jones & Jones-Betts Funeral Home.

Previous Events

Service

MAY **23**. 3:00 PM (PT)

Calvary Bible Church
605 First Street
Wenatchee, WA 98801
(509) 662-2818
<http://www.calvarybiblewenatchee.org>

Tribute Wall

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“ Well once again my sister, Donna Sunseri, beat me to the punch. I have similar great memories of Frank and Kaye and their four boys on good ole "M" St SW. Alta Lake was great but I remember being "one of the boys" when I got to go on a family trip with Frank and Kaye. Frank always had a great sense of humor, in a quiet way, and made me feel like I was a part of the family. He, Doug and Rick will continue on in my memories as one of the many wonderful people that were part of my life as a boy and teenager. God Bless you Kaye, Brian and Terry. Our family will keep you in our prayers.

Dave Street - May 22, 2015 at 12:18 PM

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“ I had the great fortune to call Frank and Kaye Ray " Uncle and Aunt" for most of my life. The Ray family and Street family were neighbors on "M " Street in Quincy WA for many years. Aunt Kaye was my favorite baby sitter and she made amazing peanut butter, butter and honey sandwiches on good old fashioned Wonder Bread! One of my most treasured memories of both Frank and Kaye and their boys was spending two weeks every summer at Alta Lake State Park. My Dad and Frank would take the families up on a weekend and then go home for work during then week and leave the moms in charge of us 6 kids. We would swim, ride bikes, hike and make up skits for the Dads and their return on the weekends. Amazing memories with wonderful friends/family. God Bless you Aunt Kaye and family. You're in my prayers and I hope that the wonderful memories help lighten the heavy burden of Uncle Franks death. I know he will be missed by all who knew and loved him. Love you!
Donna (Street) Sunseri

Donna Sunseri - May 15, 2015 at 03:58 PM