



George J. Kirschner

July 2, 1926 - December 28, 2015

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Wenatchee, WA

George passed away peacefully Monday, December 28, 2015, at the age of 89. He was born in Olmstead, Illinois, on July 2, 1926, to Paul and Gabriella (Ritry) Kirschner. In 1936 his family moved to Cashmere, WA, where he attended school and worked in the family orchard.

In 1944 after graduating from Cashmere High, he enlisted in the Army. After basic training he was sent to the Philippines until the war ended and then was stationed at the Army headquarters in Tokyo, Japan until 1946. After being discharged from the Army, he returned to Washington and attended Washington State University where he studied engineering. In 1948 George had planned on marrying Jeanne Fales, his high school sweetheart. They had purchased a home in Pullman, where they would live while George completed his degree, but that year Jeanne contracted polio. Over the next 14 months he commuted to Yakima visiting Jeanne, while she recuperated in the polio ward at the hospital there. Finally in 1950 after Jeanne was released from the hospital, they were married in Cashmere. The couple moved to Wenatchee and George worked as an orchardist and in the family business, the Krispy K. Fruit Company. He was an integral part of the fruit industry in the Wenatchee valley for the next 30 years. During this time he and Jeanne raised three children -- Lisa, Tony and Kelly.

In the early eighties he started a new chapter of his life when he opened a car

dealership, Performance Motors, where he worked every day for the next three decades. At the age of 86 he retired permanently and lived in the home that he and Jeanne had shared for over 60 years. This October he returned to Cashmere, the town where he grew up, and spent his remaining days at the Cashmere Convalescent Center.

He was preceded in death by his parents, wife Jeanne, daughter Lisa, brother Louis Kirschner and sister Marguerite Radach. He is survived by his sons Tony Kirschner of Palisades and Kelly Kirschner of Wenatchee.

A memorial service will be held at the Jones & Jones-Betts Funeral home chapel on Saturday, January 16th at 1:00 pm, with a Celebration of Life gathering at the home of Kelly Kirschner immediately following the service.

Previous Events

Service

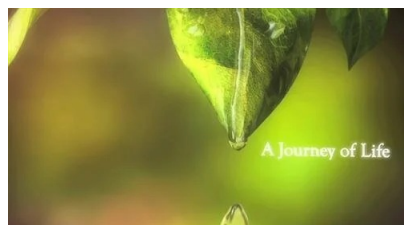
JAN 16. 1:00 PM (PT)

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Tribute Wall



“ Jones & Jones - Betts Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of George J. Kirschner



Jones & Jones~Betts Funeral Home - January 13, 2016 at 12:44 PM

BK

*Beautiful memories, tribute and celebration for Uncle George's life, family and his legacy.
We love you all. God bless you. Nephew Bob and wife Cheri'
Kirschner, Dallas, Texas.*

B.C. Kirschner - January 18, 2016 at 08:49 PM

MG

“ *When he owned the car lot, I always enjoyed talking with George whenever I attended one of Kelly's sales events next door. He was always interesting, and a real entrepreneur -Truly "Salt of the Earth" person! May his memory be eternal.*

Mark Giovannetti - January 12, 2016 at 06:56 PM

BH

“ *Tony and Kelly,*

So sorry for the loss of your dad. He was a great man, I always enjoyed visiting with him. A true car guy. My thoughts are with you and your family, Brad Huddle

BRAD HUDDLE - January 06, 2016 at 02:12 PM

PF

“ *Paula Bennett & Family lit a candle in memory of George J. Kirschner*



Paula Bennett & Family - January 04, 2016 at 05:36 PM

DF

“ *Tony, Kelly & Family,
George & Jeanie were two friends of ours through the years! We thought so highly of both of them! George will be missed from our midst! Our thoughts, deepest condolences & sympathy are with you all.*

Dean, Trina Adams & Family

Dean, Trina Adams & Family - December 31, 2015 at 01:40 PM

BK

Bob has shared so many stories of the orchard business. How the boys use to work together sorting, packing, helping with what was needed. A big part of their lifes that would have never happened, yet with George and Louis coming together, it did.

No matter the outcome, the business formed a generation in their own way and we are thankful. George was a great part of the community and his legacy has lived on through his family.

Such a blessing. We celebrate his life, family and the love he shared. Love you all. Cheri', Bob and family.

Bob and Cheri' Kirschner - January 16, 2016 at 04:18 AM