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Jerry Koch passed away at Highgate Senior Living in Wenatchee, WA on October 13, 2017 at the age of 86.

Jerry was born May 16, 1931 to Gene and Alma Koch. Cashmere, Washington was his first hometown. He always enjoyed looking back on those first years on Elberta Street. At age 11, the Koch family moved to Wenatchee where Jerry discovered the YMCA; learning to play basketball and meeting new friends from all around Wenatchee. Many of the YMCA bunch played basketball together later in Junior and Senior high school. Jerry's other favorite sport was track where he participated in the High Jump and ended up holding the Chelan County record for many years.

Jerry was an Eagle Scout.

Summers in the first two years of college were spent with the Chelan County Forest Service and living at Sugar Loaf Lookout.

Jerry married Ann Jeanette Gruenberg in 1951, and they moved to Seattle where Jerry finished his schooling at the University of Washington. He graduated with a degree in accounting and became a Certified Public Accountant.

Jerry and Ann moved back to Wenatchee where he was employed at Alcoa in the Accounting Dept.

Two years later he joined the accounting firm of C.W. Franklin where he was named a full partner in 1961.

Jerry and Ann had three sons, Ken, Russ, and Tom. He served many years as their baseball coach and as their Scout Master.

Jerry was a member of the Free Methodist Church (now Sage Hills Church); the Eastmont JC's, which he started and served as president; and the Apollo Club.

Jerry, Zane Poltz and Gordon Ohme formed the Gordon Ohme Trio in the late 60's and performed in the area for many years.

Jerry was preceded in death by his parents, Gene and Alma Koch, his wife, Ann Jeanette Koch and son Russell Koch. He is survived by sons Kenneth (Lucy) of San Diego, CA, Tom (Tami) Koch of Wenatchee, sister Linda Koch West (Terry) of Wenatchee, and sister-in-law Arden Mae Gruenberg Buchanan of Wenatchee.

# Tribute Wall

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“ Jerry Koch and I met on December 23 1966 when i began work as a staff accountant for the firm of FRANKLIN HOMCHICK AND KOCH, CPA'S in the new office building at 517 N Mission St.. We worked together for over 20 years and 15 of those great years we were full partners with many other CPA'S in the firm. I will say that in all those years we never had even one desent whatsoever. Even after he retired and i retired we reviewed our friendship many times with old firm stories and all the great moments shared going to CPA seminars. I learned a lot from jerry when i began my career. His guidance will be forever etched in my own soul. His wife Anne was also treasured all those years. She was a wonderful friend as well as all of their children. We all grew mature together.

Good by my friend,

Your partner  
Tom Clark

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