



Gordon K. Irle

November 6, 1931 - September 14, 2018

Gordon was born in Cle Elum, WA, and grew up there and in Port Townsend, WA. Following high school, he earned a master's degree in education from Central Washington University with an emphasis in physics. He met Janice Ferrill while at college and they married in 1954. Following a stint in the Air Force, Gordon and Janice settled in Cashmere, WA, in 1957. Gordon began his teaching career at Cashmere High School, where he taught chemistry, physics, and photography, retiring in 1988. Following retirement, he and Janice enjoyed many trips abroad, including several adventurous bicycle tours of Europe. An avid outdoorsman, Gordon enjoyed hiking, hunting, fishing, and especially skiing, serving 30 years on the Mission Ridge Volunteer Ski Patrol. Gordon will be best remembered for his tireless efforts to serve the community. A longtime city councilman, he served two terms as Mayor of Cashmere, was instrumental in developing mass transit (Link) for Wenatchee Valley, and was chairman of the board for Chelan County Democrats. He was active in Masons for 40 years, and acted as Advisor and Grand Deputy for Rainbow Girls. In 1992, the Cashmere Chamber of Commerce named him Citizen of the Year. Gordon was also a businessman. He purchased his first rental home in Cashmere in the mid-60's, acquiring more than 20 homes to form Irle Rentals.

Gordon leaves behind Janice, his wife of 64 years; children: Patricia, Carolyn, Gary, and David; his brother, Roger; five grandchildren; and two great-

grandchildren.

A Memorial Service celebrating Gordon's life will be held at 2:00 p.m., on Saturday, October 6, 2018, at Cashmere Middle School, 300 Tigner Rd., Cashmere, WA. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Chelan-Douglas Land Trust.

Tribute Wall

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“ *Mr. IRLE was the most important teacher of my school years. Although I got on his nerves at times, he was so excited about sharing his knowledge of science, mathematics and photography. His style of teaching made me a better student. I still think of him often. A good man and a Great Teacher. Sorry to hear of his passing. My condolences to the family.*
R. M. Scott Class of 79

Robert M Scott - October 25, 2018 at 10:56 PM

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“ *Dear Irle Family,*

Gordon and I served together for several years on the LINK BOARD. I grew to appreciate his fine dedication to public service and his visionary approach to our issues.

I am thankful that I got to know this great man!

Sincerely,

Earl Tilly

Earl Tilly - September 15, 2018 at 01:17 PM

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Thank you for your kind words.

Gary Irle - September 30, 2018 at 03:05 PM