



Hans Kwast

May 8, 1943 - October 6, 2025

Hans was welcomed into the presence of his Lord and Savior on Monday, October 6, 2025 following a valiant battle with cancer. Hans was born in Lusk, Poland on May 8, 1943. After WWII, at the age of 8, Hans and his family were sponsored into the United States and crossed the Atlantic by ship. Once they reached New York City, they boarded a train and traveled across the United States to West Seattle, WA where the sponsor family was located.

Hans served four years in the Air Force and upon his discharge joined the Washington State Patrol. His 30 year career afforded him many different positions. His favorite job was as a Safety Education Officer. He loved interacting with the kids. When he retired, he was the Captain of the statewide detective division.

Following retirement from the WSP, he had positions as the Lewis County Public Works Director and Director of Emergency Services and 911 in the Tri-Cities.

Hans met his wife, Debbie, while working at the Bellevue State Patrol office. She was the assistant to the State Patrol Psychologist. They married on July 8, 1989. They were blessed with two wonderful daughters, Chelsea and Courtney. Their married life took them from Bellevue to Spokane to Olympia and finally to East Wenatchee.

Hans was a man of integrity. He loved the Lord and was a wonderful testimony throughout his life. He enjoyed woodworking, traveling, playing games, studying the origin of hymns, raising his daughters, loving his grandchildren, and interacting with his many friends. He had an amazing sense of humor and was always good for a laugh.

His final year of life brought him extreme sickness and pain. However, like everything else he did in life, he faced it with strength and determination and fought to the end with dignity.

He was preceded in death by both of his parents. He is survived by his wife, Debbie, daughter, Chelsea (Barbier), Robert, and Annabelle; daughter, Courtney (Armstrong) Shawn, Elodie, and Jax; brother, Alex and Ines, and brother, Pete and Vicki.

We are very thankful to the many friends and family who have taken this journey with us with support and prayer. A very special thank you to Audrey and Mike Dingle, who have served unselfishly since the beginning of this ordeal.

He fought the good fight. He finished the course. He kept the faith. Well done, good and faithful servant.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in Hans' name to Mountain View Women's Health, Wenatchee, WA or Tunnel to Towers.

Previous Events

Memorial Service

OCT **15**. 1:00 PM (PT)

Saddlerock Evangelical Presbyterian Church
1400 S Miller
Wenatchee, WA 98801

Tribute Wall



“ Jones & Jones - Betts Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Hans Kwast



Jones & Jones~Betts Funeral Home - October 14, 2025 at 01:17 PM

CA

“ Carolyn A. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Hans Kwast.

Carolyn A. - October 15, 2025 at 01:56 PM

SB

“ Susan B. planted a grove of 3 [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Hans Kwast.

Susan B. - October 15, 2025 at 11:58 AM

CL

“ Craig Lawrence lit a candle in memory of Hans Kwast



Craig Lawrence - October 14, 2025 at 11:25 PM

GW

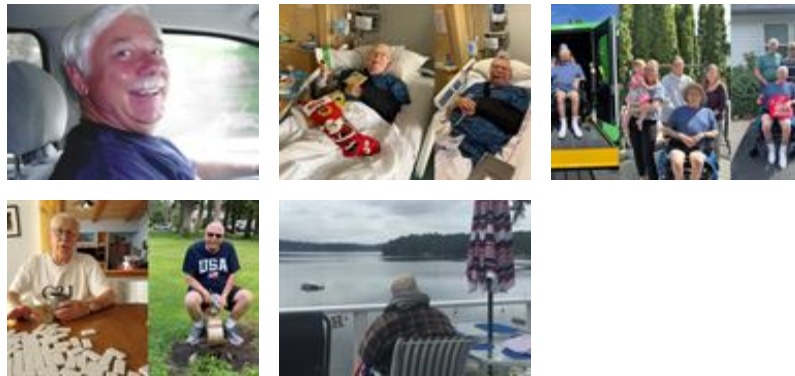
“ *Hans was a great friend. We worked together in the patrol and shared many things together, especially his relationship with the Lord. We will see him again in heaven.*

*Blessings to Debbie and family
George*

George Wehnes - October 14, 2025 at 09:35 PM



“ *80 files added to the album Life Tributes*



Jones & Jones~Betts Funeral Home - October 14, 2025 at 01:05 PM

VW

“ *2 files added to the album Memories Album*



Vicki Whaley - October 11, 2025 at 10:00 AM

VS

“ Vicki S. purchased the Engraved Tree Tag for the family of Hans Kwast.



Vicki S. - October 11, 2025 at 09:31 AM

VS

“ Vicki S. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Hans Kwast.

Vicki S. - October 11, 2025 at 09:31 AM

RW

“ Rodney and Vicki Whaley planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Hans Kwast.

Rodney and Vicki Whaley - October 11, 2025 at 09:26 AM

RW

“ Rodney and Vicki Whaley purchased the Southern Magnolia Tree for the family of Hans Kwast.



Rodney and Vicki Whaley - October 11, 2025 at 09:26 AM

BP

“ I knew Hans in Bellevue when he was WSP Safety Education Officer. I had an interest in law enforcement so Hans invited me to put an application in to WSP to be the very first female to go through academy. I didn't go that route but enjoyed learning from Hans. I so enjoyed his sense of humor. Thank you Hans for so many fun memories.

Barbara Bennett Penniston - October 11, 2025 at 12:24 AM



“ 3 files added to the album Memories Album



Jones & Jones~Betts Funeral Home - October 10, 2025 at 06:30 PM

DE

I worked with Hans at WSP Seattle in Safety Education. We had a lot of fun and enjoyed our work for the patrol.

RIP Hans
Dennis English

Dennis English - October 12, 2025 at 12:46 PM

LS

Hans was the best boss I ever had at Lewis County 911. My sincere sympathy to Debbie and the girls and their families.

Lanette Scapillato - October 13, 2025 at 05:26 PM



“ Sherrie Funston lit a candle in memory of Hans Kwast



Sherrie Funston - October 09, 2025 at 01:47 PM



Hans had a big heart and would share it to others who needed help. He was a tough commander, but got the job done.

Sherrie Funston - October 09, 2025 at 02:26 PM



He was an example of Christ loving the Church. I am so glad God gave Hans to Debbie!

Vicki Whaley - October 11, 2025 at 09:40 AM



Hans and I became friends after the EHS '71 40 year reunion and I always appreciated his jovial attitude and good humor. He could take a joke as easily as he could give one. I always had a taste for kraut and brats but when Hans shared his cooking at a reunion picnic or the occasional leftover it was a special meal. I'll miss you Hans. - Craig

Craig Lawrence - October 14, 2025 at 11:33 PM



My Friend I Miss Are Meeting For Coffee
Joking Around With Each Other
You Wear One Million
I Will See You Soon My Brther 😭

Rod Yoakum - October 28, 2025 at 05:49 AM