



James Wells

December 18, 1920 - March 14, 2019

James Edmund Wells died March 14, 2019 in East Wenatchee at the age of 98.

Jim was a hard worker and an astute businessman.

He was born in Potlatch, Idaho in 1920 to Aaron and Bertha Wells. He was a scrappy kid and left school at 13 to earn money for his family and to buy a car. He also envisioned an airplane in his future. He moved to Walla Walla at age 18 to work for Walla Walla Produce. He made friends with the many farmers in the area, especially the onion farmers. Jim worked in the grocery and produce business in Washington, Oregon, California and Vancouver B.C. He and his wife Doris, bought Grower Sales in 1972. They ran their business in Quincy Wa until retirement in 2002. Jim was a member, and later president of United Fruit and Vegetable Association and served on the U.S Potato Commission. Jim and Doris moved to Wenatchee soon after retirement and lived there until Doris passed away in 2015. Jim moved to Bonaventure in East Wenatchee where he resided until his death.

Jim was proud of his military service. He served in Europe during World War 11 in the 355th infantry under General George Patton. In 1946 he received an honorable discharge and was presented with both a victory, and a good conduct medal. He was a member of the Lambert/Schulz VFW Post 183 in Quincy.

He is survived by daughters, Mary Rancourt (Dennis), Anne Wells, Jane Stetner (Roger), Nancy Wells, and Karen Schulz (Keevin). He also has two daughters, Lana Lathrop (Rich), and Jana Mendez, and a son Mike (Molly), from his first marriage. He was preceded in death by his son Pat Wells in 2015.

The family would like to thank Kelsey Clark and the kind staff at Bonaventure Senior Living, the Wenatchee Veterans Association, Wenatchee Hospice and his many friends.

A memorial service will be held at Jones & Jones - Betts Funeral Home in Wenatchee on Saturday April 13 at 1:00 P.M.

Donations in Jim's memory can be made to any organization assisting our veterans and their families.

Previous Events

Memorial Service

APR 13. 1:00 PM (PT)

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Tribute Wall



“ Jim was a valued friend & fellow member of George Washington V.F.W. Post 24.
He is missed. I'm sorry I couldn't attend the services.

Blessings to his family

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quadruple mount .50 caliber MG. These truck drawn trailer mounted guns were capable of pouring a deadly hail of lead at low flying air craft. They were also devastating to ground targets. Although as an automatic weapon over 11mm in caliber, it was enforced by the international conventions



Served under General George Dalton

June 1944 ~ January 1946

He manned the M51. Quad .50 trailer with his good friend Private Willard Wendt, who was the triggerman. They

defense rear area unit protecting high value targets like triple AAA Gun and Searchlight Batteries. M51. Quad .50 Trailer.

Caliber: 50 inches
Muzzle velocity: 2,530 feet per second
Effective range: 2,500 yards
Rate of fire: 1,500-2,200 rounds per minute
Weight: Approximately 2,400 Pounds
Height (gun level): 55 inches
Height (gun fully elevated): 75 inches

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