



Jerry F. Van Winkle

April 11, 1946 - December 26, 2012

Jerry F. Van Winkle, 66, of Orondo, passed away on Wednesday, December 26, 2012.

He was a lifetime Wenatchee Valley resident and he was an orchardist in Orondo since 1980 and also was a school counselor at Chelan Middle School for three years and then became school counselor for grades K-1th for Waterville School District.

Survivors include his wife Yvonne Van Winkle of Orondo; his three children, Jason Van Winkle of Wenatchee, Jon Van Winkle of Edmonds, Megan Peterson of East Wenatchee; two brothers, Virgil Van Winkle and Don Van Winkle both of Wenatchee; one sister, Sharon Harnden of Snohomish.

Celebration of Life Service will be held on Saturday, January 12, 2013, at 1:00 p.m., at Orondo Elementary School. In lieu of flowers, the family ask that you make a donation in Jerry's name to The American Cancer Society or to Central Washington Hospital Home Care and Hospice.

Please express your thoughts and memories on the online guest book at jonesjonesbetts.com. Arrangements are by Jones & Jones-Betts Funeral Home.

Tribute Wall

TR

“ Yvonne, Megan, Jon and Jason,
Our thoughts and prayers are with you as you prepare to celebrate
Jerry's life.

*Know that when a gentle giant falls, the hands of the many he
touched lift him up and present him to the Lord. We treasure the
time we spent together and his memory lives on. May you find
peace. Our love to you. Tom and Joy Reese*

Tom and Joy Reese - January 11, 2013 at 03:31 PM

BL

“ Billye Lester lit a candle in memory of Jerry F.
Van Winkle



Billye Lester - January 08, 2013 at 11:41 AM

LS

“ Yvonne and Megan, It is a privilege to be a tiny part of this families
life, Jerry was a gentle giant and I was so impressed with his way
with people. He was a model for all of us to emulate. The world has
lost a great man and one of the few that projected the love of Christ
in his everyday life. It is an honor to have known him.

Lonnie Schwendeman

Lonnie D. Schwendeman - January 07, 2013 at 10:30 AM

BB

“ Dear Yvonne,
I briefly met your family in the waiting room at Virginia Mason Hospital in Seattle a few months ago. My mom was having a procedure ... and so was Jerry.
I was deeply moved by the way, in the midst of deep concern, Jerry brought peace, calm and strength into the room. It was truly incredible and is an image that has stuck with me.
I am so sorry for your loss.

Brooke Berry
-- Wenatchee

Brooke Berry - January 04, 2013 at 03:35 PM

TT

“ Dear Yvonne & family-
Jerry was one of those people who would light up the room. When I saw him coming, I somehow knew that everything would be okay.
He is truly a gift from God.
My heart goes out to all the family he loved so dearly. Please know that he will always be in my heart and memories.

Terri Thurston

Terri Thurston - January 04, 2013 at 02:43 PM

CT

“ Dear Yvonne & family
I was fortunate enough to meet Jerry while he was doing his internship at Chelan High school , we shared office space. What a wonderful man. I always considered him a friend and we shared many stories of family. Although I only met you once I felt I knew Jerry's family. He was so proud of every one of you. He will be missed by many
May the memories of him bring you comfort
Sending love and prayers
Char Tait

Char Tait - January 03, 2013 at 07:39 PM

MP

“ Yvonne and family,

I will be forever grateful to have worked with Jerry and to have called him my friend. We learned how to become counselors together. I will honor his memory through my daily work with kids. He was such a special man. My thoughts and prayers are with you.

Mary Parsley



Mary Parsley - January 03, 2013 at 06:38 PM

AR

“ Dear Mrs. V,
I am truly sorry for your loss. Mr.V was an amazing man. He changed my life in the best way. He believed in me when noone else did. He supported me in every single way possible. I thank him everyday for being the reason why I finished high school and now I'm off doing bigger and better things with my life. There were days where I didn't think I was gonna make it, and then id walk in.his office and he'd just hug me and it all just went away. I appreciate the fact that he treated me less of a student and more as a friend. I am truly blessed to have known him. He changed my life.
I love both of you very much.
He will always be in my heart and you will always be in my prayers.
Mr.V is now my heaven....<3
Love always, Amber Rendon.

Amber Rendon - January 03, 2013 at 05:59 PM

RP

“ Dear Yvonne and family,

This is a hard time for you - the hardest - and I don't really know what to say. I believe I only met Jerry twice and yet I often speak of him here as one of my very best friends. I think that kind of says it all. All my family here have noted the impact of this event on me and can, therefore, only guess how much you must all be hurting there. But please be proud of having had him for as long as you did - you had someone so special.

If thoughts and prayers really do support, you are well supported now. Be proud, all of you. Talk about Jerry a lot and please accept our love, from Brighton.

Ray, Taraneh and Susan

Ray Parker - January 03, 2013 at 04:04 PM

MB

“ *Yvonne and family*
Jerry left an amazing legacy that will last forever. He shared his love for his family with everyone he met. I was fortunate to have known him for the past 5 years but could see the love and devotion he had for you all. May his passing finally bring him comfort from all the pain. God bless you.

Marjie Brown

Marjie Brown - January 03, 2013 at 03:58 PM

WH

“ *Yvonne and Family...*
I know to lose Jerry leaves a big hole in your heart, as it does in many of us who were lucky enough to be his friend. He was so unique and had so many friends, including many of us that go back a long, long way...But any time I would see him, after long periods of not being in touch, he would greet me as the true friend he was.. We will all miss him..

Dean Henry

W Dean Henry - January 02, 2013 at 11:01 PM

JL

“ *Yvonne, Jane and I would like to share our condolences on the passing of Jerry. We enjoyed our visit with you and your family while we were in the Washington State area a few years ago. He was interesting and told us about the orchard business. It was nice meeting your family and seeing long lost cousins.*

Please give our love to your children for us.

Jane & Jack Lancaster

John Lancaster - January 02, 2013 at 03:57 PM

KH

“ Yvonne and family,
I am so sorry for your loss. Hope that the thoughts and prayers of others toward you will help a little bit during this time. Kay Hamon

Kay Hamon - January 02, 2013 at 01:36 PM

MW

“ Yvonne and family,

Our hearts go out to you. Jerry has made a lasting difference in the lives of the students and families in the Orondo School. He will be greatly missed.
Millie Watkins

Millie Watkins - December 27, 2012 at 09:58 PM