



John Burke Hatfield

March 22, 1930 - March 14, 2011

Burke Hatfield passed away March 14, 2011. John Burke Hatfield was born at the St. Anthony Hospital in Wenatchee, on March 22, 1930 to John and Geraldine Hatfield of Wenatchee. Burke attended grade, junior high, and high school in Wenatchee, graduating in the spring of 1948. He later attended Wenatchee Valley College where he was active in sports, worked as a contributor to the yearbook, and as student body president. He attended Washington State College (now Washington State University) from 1953 to 1956, graduating from the school of business and economics in the spring of '56.

Following graduation, he worked in commercial banking in California and Wenatchee until 1968 when he became involved in the real estate industry as a salesman, broker, and later as a loan officer and vice president of a local savings and loan. He was past president of the multiple listing service of Wenatchee, as well as instructing real estate courses in the evening division at the Wenatchee Valley College and for the Board of Realtor of Wenatchee. He married Celesta Kriewald in May, 1959. They made their home in the Wenatchee Valley except for a brief period from 1961 to 1963 when they lived in San Francisco and Seattle,

In 1988 Burke was employed by the Employment Security Department of the State of Washington, retiring in May 2000.

Burke enjoyed reading, sports, travel and home gardening. He was also a published author.

Survivors include his wife, Celesta Hatfield, son Mark Hatfield of Wenatchee, daughter Gerri Scheideman and her husband Rich of Anchorage, Alaska and a grand daughter Mollie. He was preceded in death by his mother in 1930 and his father in 1963.

At the family's request, services will be held at a later date.

Please express your thoughts and memories on the online guestbook at jonesjonesbetts.com. Arrangements have been entrusted to Jones & Jones ~ Betts Funeral Home.

Tribute Wall

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“ I remember Burke as a soft spoken kind person, who new how to make you feel welcome. I did cleaning for Celesta and Burke, both made you feel like you really did something special.
I smile to my self when I remember some of the things Burke said. Even when Burke was sick he was always thankful and kind.
I am glad to remember Burke with a smile. Looking back on the years I new Burke's family was very important to him. Thank you Burke for your friendship.

Gretchen and Bill Larsen

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