



## Lee Ernest Benson

November 29, 1934 - December 26, 2016

Lee Ernest Benson quietly passed away December 26th, 2016 following a short battle with cancer.

Lee was born November 29th 1934 to J. Andy Benson and Doris Rebecca Benson in Plentywood Montana. The Benson family lived in Plentywood Montana, Lewistown Montana and Latah Washington with a final move to Wenatchee in 1948. Lee graduated from Wenatchee High School in 1952.

About a year after graduating Lee met the love of his life Carol Cagley.

In 1955 Lee married Carol in Wenatchee then later moved to their home in Sunnyslope, where they raised their son Curtis and daughter Lorilee. In 1956, Lee's career, working for the Washington State Department Of Transportation in Wenatchee, began. He retired in 1994.

Early on and throughout his life Lee had a passion for cars. He enjoyed working on them, attending car races and shows and was a member of the local Ti Rod car club. After retirement Lee and Carol enjoyed many trips in their RV traveling around the country and Mexico. They also enjoyed camping around the state and one of their favorite places was Fort Flagler where they spent several years enjoying the special times they had with family and friends. Lee always enjoyed the family times together.

Lee is survived by his loving wife Carol of 61 years, son Curtis (Brenda) of Wenatchee, daughter Lori Reathaford (Bruce) of Malaga, sisters Bette Tilton of Fairfield WA. Nan Morton of Spokane WA. brother in-law and sister in-law Larry and Sharon Applegarth of Rochester WA. along with many nieces and

nephews. Lee was preceded in death by his parents, brother in-law Herb Tilton, brother in-law Roy Czapinski and brother in-law Darrell Czapinski. The family would like to thank Dr. Carlson, Oncology Dept. and Hospice group who are all so special and compassionate.

Private burial services will be held per Lee's request. Please express your thoughts and memories on the online guest book at [jonesjonesbetts.com](http://jonesjonesbetts.com).

Arrangements are by Jones & Jones – Betts Funeral Home.

# Tribute Wall

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“ Too many good memories to list but a wonderful friend, maintaining contact since high school. As many know Lee, George Tuttle, and I, (Chuck Rhoades) were virtually inseparable during high school and continued this friendship during all the years although separated by distance. My wife, Lorrie, and I always saw Lee and Carol with every Wenatchee visit and stayed with them several times. Treasures that will never be forgotten. Their doors were always open, even to my children, some of who stayed with Lee and Carol also. In one way there's a big void now, yet the lasting memories of a good man and friend will always be cherished and help to heal. Love you Carol.

*Chuck and Lorrie*

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