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Leonard F. Melander was 94 when he passed away suddenly on December 19, 2013. He was a longtime Wenatchee resident. He was born on February 12, 1919 to Emil and Anna (Wallinger) Melander in Sterling, Nebraska.

In 1933, he was confirmed in the St. John's Lutheran Church in Sterling, Nebraska. He graduated from Sterling High School in 1937. Leonard married Mary J. Diggs in 1940. He ran a couple of farms for the Wayne Stevens family in Iowa. Leonard and Mary and their daughter, Sherrel Mae Melander moved to Wenatchee in December 1955. Leonard drove Black & White Taxi for a limited time. In 1956, he began working as a custodian for National Bank of Commerce, Rainier Bank, and now Key Bank for 26 years, retiring in 1984. Leonard worked, managed and owned an Orchard on Okanogan Ave. for 35 years. He also worked for Cascadian Fruit Shippers and Western Refrigeration. Leonard liked to work with wood in his garage.

He is preceded in death by his parents, Emil and Anna Melander of Nebraska; his sisters, Elsie, Gladys and Viola, all of Nebraska; his brothers, Harold of Nebraska, Harvey of California and Alvin of Yakima, Washington. Survivors include his wife, Mary Melander of Wenatchee; his daughter, Sherrel Mae Melander DeChenne (Bob) Harrison of Wenatchee; granddaughter, Penny (Rob) Peart; great grandchildren, Grant, Austin and Kierstin of Wenatchee; his granddaughter, Cyndi (Jim) Timboe and great grandchildren, Evan, Matthew

and Catherine of Wenatchee and his sister, Marie White of Nebraska. Memorial Service will be held in January (date and time will be announced later) at St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Wenatchee. Donations made to St. Paul's School Scholarship Fund. Please express your thoughts and memories on the online guest book at jonesjonesbetts.com. Arrangements are by Jones & Jones-Betts Funeral Home.

Tribute Wall

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“ I am sorry about the loss of your dear Grandfather. When you think of him, think of this wonderful future too: " And I have hope toward God, which hope these men also look forward to, that there is going to be a resurrection of both the righteous and the unrighteous. " Acts 24:15. Jehovah God longs to bring back those who are in his memory and to see them live on earth again. Job 14:14,15. And what a happy time this will be. Isaiah 33:24 and 65:21-25.

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“ I first met Leonard when he worked at the National Bank of Commerce. Later he became a customer of ours at Tilly Equipment. Leonard had a wonderful personality. He had a kind spirit that radiated in every conversation. He never preached his faith; he demonstrated it. Sincerely,

Earl Tilly

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