



Lester "Les" Wayne Smith

May 28, 1930 - December 27, 2010

Lester W. Smith, 80, went to be with the Lord on December 27, 2010 at home in Wenatchee. He was born May 28, 1930 in Wallace, Idaho, to Theodore and Beula (Schumacher) Smith.

Les moved to Selah, Washington in 1931. He graduated from Selah High School in 1948, where he excelled in track and basketball. He then attended Yakima Junior College, Washington State College (WSU) and Central Washington University, graduating in 1952 with a Bachelor of Science degree in economics.

Shortly after graduating from college, he was drafted into the military. He served for two years as a radio operator, Radio & Msg. Co. 50th Sig Bn Corps. stationed in Japan during the Korean War.

Les married Shirley A. Rowley of Moxee in 1955. They lived in Pasco until 1971, and then moved to Wenatchee. They raised three children, Doug, Jennifer, and Jeff. Shirley preceded Les in death on October 31, 1996, after 41 years of marriage.

In 1998 Les married his second "soul mate" Denise Palmer. They enjoyed over 12 years of marriage together. She became a wonderful spouse, grandmother, and delightfully "wicked stepmother" to her new family.

Les began his married life working in banking and real estate. He settled down in September of 1960 to work for Unigard Insurance, where he retired after 30 years. He then worked part time for Zeremba claims until taking retirement seriously a couple of years later.

Les was involved in many activities and organizations throughout his life. He spoke passionately of his times with the Pasco Jaycees, teaching Sunday school, bowling leagues, and golfing. If you met Les in one of these arenas, odds are you enjoyed his company.

His life was filled with compassion, fairness, patience and love. He was a quiet role model for those around him, and in the end, as always, he was a dutiful son, husband, and father.

A memorial service will be held 12:00 P.M. Saturday January 22, 2011 at the Wenatchee Free Methodist Church on 5th Street.

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

Previous Events

Service

JAN 22. 12:00 PM (PT)

Wenatchee Free Methodist
1601 5th Street
Wenatchee, WA 98801

Tribute Wall

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“ *Linda Page lit a candle in memory of Lester "Les" Wayne Smith*



Linda Page - November 18, 2013 at 04:53 PM

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“ *Ah, yes, there were some great days in the dorm at WSC. Les and I got well acquainted there as he kept asking questions about his Chemistry class. I learned a lot more Chemistry by answering his questions so I did better when I took the same class the next year. He was a lot of fun and will be missed by all who were close to him.*

Lynn Buchanan, Class of '48

Lynn Buchanan - January 17, 2011 at 04:41 PM

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“ *We've had the good fortune to know Les both on a personal level and in the business world. He was a well respected person, honest and always fair. As a husband and father, he was always there with his love and support. We were blessed to get to know one of his sons rather well, and to this day in our hearts, we consider this son, family. May your many memories of Les continue to bring you lasting comfort and peace.*

*Love & Prayers,
Kerry & Linda Page*

Linda Page - January 15, 2011 at 04:21 PM