Lloyd C. Matthews

May 1, 1924 - January 13, 2016

Lloyd C. Matthews, 91, passed away peacefully on Wednesday, January 13, 2016 at Hearthstone Cottage in East Wenatchee, WA, surrounded by family. Lloyd was born May 1, 1924 in Green Forest, AR, to Rev. Charlie C. Matthews and Ida Jane (Jones) Matthews, where he joined three brothers and one sister, to complete the family. When Lloyd was 12 years of age, the family moved to Twin Falls, ID, where he completed his education. He met and married E. Jean Holloway on August 3, 1942, a marriage which lasted 72 years until Jean's death in September, 2014. Their first daughter, Barbara, was born in July 1943. Lloyd then went to Camp Fanning, TX for his basic training in the U.S. Army. He served in Patton's 3rd Army 80th Division in Europe during World War II. When the war was over, he came home on the Queen Mary and was ever-so-thankful to be reunited with his family. In 1949, a second daughter, Jeanne, completed the family. Lloyd worked various construction jobs in the Magic Valley of southern Idaho, worked for the Twin Falls Canal Company as a heavy equipment operator, followed by Culligan Soft Water and eventually Idaho Frozen Foods. In 1965, Lloyd was recommended for and accepted a position as dragline operator for the Bureau of Reclamation and moved the family to Quincy, WA. In the mid-70's, Lloyd was selected as the Watermaster for the Quincy Columbia Basin Irrigation District and held that position until his retirement in 1988. In 1990, Lloyd and Jean moved to Wenatchee, to be closer to their daughters and grandchildren. Lloyd enjoyed keeping a meticulous yard and getting away occasionally for an

RV trip to the ocean beaches. He never missed seeing a sunset at the beach whenever the weather cooperated. He loved to bowl, fish, do woodworking projects, and enjoyed playing pinochle and hand and foot. He was also known as “Gramps taxi service” to his youngest grandson, Steve.

Lloyd is survived by his two daughters: Barbara (Roger) Thompson of Palisades, WA and Jean Weil of East Wenatchee, WA; five grandchildren, 14 great-grandchildren and three great- great- grandchildren, along with several nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his wife, Jean; a grandson, Steve Weil, in Oct. 2013; his parents; his three brothers, Oren, Wilbur and Troy; and his sister, Jonnie Vela Blades.

The family extends many thanks to Dr. Brian Derrick and staff, all his caregivers at Hearthstone Cottage and the Hospice team for their support of Dad and all the family at this difficult time.

Visitation will be held Tuesday, January 19, from 4:00-7:00 p.m. at Jones & Jones/Betts Funeral Home. Funeral services are scheduled for 10:30 a.m., Wednesday, January 20, at Jones & Jones-Betts Funeral Home. Interment will follow at Evergreen Memorial Cemetery in East Wenatchee. The VFW will provide Military Honors. In lieu of flowers, the family suggests donations to Confluence Home Health and Hospice, 1020 N. Wenatchee Avenue, Wenatchee, WA 98801.

“We will miss you Dad, but we find much comfort in knowing you’re reunited with Mom and Steve and we will see you again someday. Love ya lots!”

Cemetery Details

Evergreen Memorial Park

1301 10th St NE
East Wentatchee, WA 98802
(509) 884-4651

Previous Events

Service

JAN **20**. 10:30 AM (PT)

Jones & Jones ~ Betts Funeral Home
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Tribute Wall

Jones & Jones - Betts Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Lloyd C. Matthews

Jones & Jones~Betts Funeral Home - January 18, 2016 at 04:08 PM

Sue Silver Murray

So beautiful. Thankyou for sharing such precious memories. I love you all! Susan Silver

Sue Silver Murray - January 18, 2016 at 11:39 PM

PD

I remember visiting your folks and seeing all of the prunes being dried on screens set up on saw horses(?) in the front yard. Yellow jackets everywhere but they didn't bother your Dad. Said they couldn't eat them all! Love you so much and thank you for the beautiful video.

Pat Dell - January 19, 2016 at 10:39 AM

EM

Your Dad was always patient and kind. Never heard him raise his voice. My love and support to all in this time of sorrow. Will pray for strength at this time in you lives. Elaine

Elaine Myers - January 18, 2016 at 11:55 PM