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Manley Leroy Martinson, age 98, of Wenatchee, WA passed away peacefully on January 13, 2025, surrounded by his loved ones. He was born on June 23, 1926, in Waubun, Minnesota, to Arthur Wesley Martinson and Nettie Viola Thompson.

Manley was a proud veteran of the United States Navy, joining on March 2, 1944, at the age of 17. He served as a Machinist Mate 2nd Class until his honorable discharge on June 23, 1947. Manley participated in the historic landing on Iwo Jima on February 19, 1945, where he served on a Higgins landing craft, bringing troops and equipment to the shore. He served aboard the USS Deuel (APA-160), USS Vulcan (AR-5), and USS Princeton (CV-37), earning several medals for his service, including the American Area Campaign Medal, Asiatic-Pacific Campaign Medal (with two stars), Philippine Liberation Medal, and the World War II Victory Medal.

Manley married Norma Davisson in September 1948, and they shared a loving union until her passing in January 1968. He later married Pearl Ditty in December 1969, and they enjoyed many years together until her passing in April 2000.

In his professional life, Manley worked for the Bonneville Power Administration as a Mechanic Foreman I from September 1959 until his retirement in December 1988. He was well-respected for his dedication and skills.

Manley was preceded in death by his beloved wife Norma, his second wife Pearl, his daughter Shelley Schulz, and his siblings Jennette, Ione, Beverly, Myrtle, Larry, and Wesley. He is survived by his sister Alice, his brother Wolf, and his children: Manley Martinson Jr., Gerald Martinson, and Patricia Vice. He also leaves behind his cherished grandchildren Misty Oden, Michael Schulz, David Martinson, Manley Martinson II, Danny Vice, Jenny Vice-Carter, and many very loved great-grandchildren.

A service will be held at Jones & Jones-Betts Funeral Home on Friday January 31st at 1:00.

Manley's family and friends will forever remember him for his strength, his unwavering service to his country, and his love for his family. May he rest in peace.

Cemetery Details

Stemilt Hill Cemetery

Stemilt Hill Rd
Wenatchee, WA 98801

Previous Events

Celebration of Life Service

JAN 31. 1:00 PM (PT)

Jones & Jones ~ Betts Funeral Home
302 9thStreet
Wenatchee, WA 98801
(509) 662-1561
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Tribute Wall



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Manley L. Martinson Sr..*



January 29, 2025 at 10:29 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Manley L. Martinson Sr..

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“ *Proud to have been able to call him Dad .
It's hard to know where to begin , he was many things, he loved to fish , camp , travel , mostly he loved people and to share his time & stories .He loved life ,and was full of gratitude .
I will miss him and all his wisdom.
Love you , Patty*

Patricia Vice - January 29, 2025 at 06:41 PM



“ *Gloria & Gene, Tina,Michael Copenspire purchased the Days of Sunshine Bouquet for the family of Manley L. Martinson Sr..*



Gloria & Gene, Tina,Michael Copenspire - January 28, 2025 at 10:37 AM

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“ *Manley was one of a kind. He was a true gentleman, though i only knew him for a couple of years I felt like I knew him for a lifetime. I always enjoyed hearing your stories you shared with me, and how thankful you were when I would get you a coffee. He made a friend wherever he went and would serenade to the nurses and staff. Manley you will be missed my friend. Until we meet again...*

Kyle - January 22, 2025 at 06:39 PM