



Melvin Duvaul

June 3, 1938 - May 10, 2012

Melvin Dean Duvaul, a 73 year Wenatchee, WA resident, passed away on Thursday, May 10, 2012. He was born on June 3, 1938, to the late Roy and Clara Duvaul. While in his youth, he raised homing pigeons and beagles. He enjoyed rabbit and bird hunting with his beagles. At the age of 15, he started to work at the Vue Dale Drive In Theater, where he worked into management. He was known as Mr. Vue Dale by the community. He was known to tap the car window with his flashlight of many movie goers. In his 20's, he became manager and also worked at the "old" Liberty and Vitaphone Theaters, until his retirement in 2008, after 50 years. He jokingly requested that he thought his Services should be held at 1, 5, or 9:00 p.m. He also worked for his family at the Viewdale Grocery and West Fifth Market and ran the Richfield gas station, which is now known as the 5th Street Market. Mel attended Wenatchee High School and played trumpet in the Golden Apple Band. He graduated in 1957. Since his retirement, he enjoyed lunch most Wednesdays at Smitty's with his classmates. In 1959, he married Melva McKloy and had three daughters. In 1989, he married Sue (Burnside) Morris and inherited three more

daughters. He and his wife, Sue, loved to travel to Joseph, OR, the last weekend of July for Chief Joseph Days. They loved to attend the rodeo and host family barbecues at Wallowa Lake. Mel was a member of the fraternal order of Eagles, Aerie 204, Wenatchee, WA and the Sons of the American Legion, Post 10. He loved his dogs Daisy and Cabela. His favorite TV shows were CSI and NCIS. He was preceded in death by his parents and his infant brother. He is survived by his wife, Sue; his children, Jeanell Duvaul of East Wenatchee; Carrie Holdren of Post Falls, ID; Lynda Goetz of East Wenatchee; Sheila Salmon of Wenatchee; Kris Phillips of East Wenatchee; Linda Gill of Port Angeles, WA; numerous grandchildren and great-grandchildren; and his two dogs and four cats. A Celebration of Life will be held on Wednesday, May 16, 2012, at 3:00 p.m. at the American Legion Hall, 208 N. Wenatchee Avenue, with reception following the service. Children are welcome. Private Family Interment will be at Evergreen Memorial Park. Donations may be made in Mel's name to Wenatchee Valley Humane Society or a charity of your choice. Please express your thoughts and memories for the family on the online memorial website www.jonesjonesbetts.com. Arrangements are by Jones & Jones~Betts Funeral Home.

Cemetery Details

Evergreen Memorial Park

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

Previous Events

Service

MAY **16**. 3:00 PM (PT)

American Legion Post 10
208 N. Wenatchee Ave
Wenatchee, WA 98801

Tribute Wall



“ Jones & Jones - Betts Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Melvin Duvaul



Jones & Jones~Betts Funeral Home - May 10, 2012 at 12:00 AM

RS

“ Rest in peace my old friend! I'll always remember our many laughs we shared together at the American Legion. My condolences to your family.

Roy Seals

Roy Seals - May 16, 2012 at 02:29 PM

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“ I was an acquaintance of Mel's in High School, and, of course, during the course of adulthood, my moving from this area, etc. there was no contact for 50+ years. I did know of his movie theatre involvement and his family history of the store and service station. I was fortunate to become re-aquainted with Mel through Central Washington Hospital 's cardio-pulmonary program and we excercised together twice weekly for a couple of years. I offer my deep heartfelt condolences to the family. Please know that you are in my prayers for spiritual assistance in your grief for your loved one, a good man.

G.A. Irby

G.A. Irby - May 15, 2012 at 06:47 PM



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Jeanell Duvaul - May 15, 2012 at 12:41 AM



“ My Dad had 7 girls counting Sue, "Poor Daddy, You were out numbered!" We all Loved you very much and Miss You until we are reunited in Heaven.



Jeanell Duvaul - May 14, 2012 at 08:07 PM



“ 3 files added to the album *Growing up with Dad*



Jeanell Duvaul - May 14, 2012 at 04:07 PM



“ 23 files added to the album Memories Album



Jones & Jones~Betts Funeral Home - May 14, 2012 at 03:21 PM



“ *I will always remember Mel as a man with a big smile. I don't think I ever saw him not smiling. He always made the time to say Hi when he was working, and I don't think anybody ever loved their job more than he did. I was happy for Sue and Mel to have so many wonderful years together.*

Chris Sauer - May 14, 2012 at 02:48 PM



“ *Jeanell Duvaul sent a virtual gift in memory of Melvin Duvaul*



Jeanell Duvaul - May 14, 2012 at 02:28 PM

JD

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Jeanell Duvaul - May 14, 2012 at 02:01 PM

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Jeanell Duvaul - May 14, 2012 at 01:56 PM

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Jeanell Duvaul - May 13, 2012 at 11:27 AM