



Nelson T. Hall Jr.

November 14, 1925 - February 3, 2015

Nelson Theodore Hall, Jr, 89, went to be with our Lord on February 3, 2015 in his home at Bonaventure in East Wenatchee, WA. Mr. Hall was born Nov 14, 1925 to Nelson T. Hall, Sr. and Bertha A. Hall in the new St. Anthony's Hospital in Wenatchee. He was raised in Manson WA and graduated from Chelan High school March 1944. Afterwards he left for military service in the Navy during WWII. His active duty assignment was on the USS Repose with the 8th fleet in Tsingtao, China. November 1946 after returning home he went back to school at WSC (WSU), he graduated with a B.S. in Civil Engineering, class of 1950. Also in the Navy Reserve he advanced to Lt. J.G., later receiving an honorable discharge.

As a civil engineer he worked at Grand Coulee Dam and Rock Island Dam during their construction phases. In April 11, 1953 he married Sarah L. Hurd of Wenatchee and made Wenatchee their home. Afterwards he started his own business as an excavating contractor and residential land developer, his life's work. He also operated an apple orchard for 30 years and during the 80's had two restaurants, The Owl Cafe and the Quail Run Cafe. His hobbies included coin collecting, writing stories for family and creating metal and stone art. He was published many times in Confluence Publication of Wenatchee Valley Museum. Mr. Hall was a member of Holy Apostles Catholic Church and served with Sarah as Eucharistic Ministers for over 20 years. He was a member of Knights of Columbus #1545 of Wenatchee, The American Legion,

Post #10 of Wenatchee and the Wenatchee Valley Museum.

Mr. Hall was preceded in death by his wife Sarah, his sister Mary Bigger and baby brother Robert and grandson Joseph Sanford. He is survived by his children, step son and daughter Barry Hurd (Glenda) and Dana L. Schmidt (Darrel), son Nelson T. Hall III of Kent, WA and daughters Nancy D. Francis (Michael) and Mary E. Hall and 7 grandchildren: Hydee, Ben, Darrel Jr., Robert, Tim, Sheana, Arianna and 10 great-grandchildren.

Mass of Christian Burial will be held at 11:00 a.m. on Friday, February 13, 2015 at Holy Apostles Catholic Church and following the service a burial will be held at Evergreen Memorial Park with Military Honors. A luncheon then follows at the Holy Apostles parish hall. Visitation will be held from 2-7 p.m. on Thursday, February 12, with Rosary at 7:00 p.m. at Jones & Jones ~ Betts Memorial Chapel. Memorials can be made to Knights of Columbus, St. Vincent de Paul or the Wenatchee Valley Museum. Many thanks to the staff of Bonaventure for their wonderful care. Please express your thoughts and memories on the online guest book at jonesjonesbetts.com. Arrangements are by Jones & Jones-Betts Funeral Home.

Cemetery Details

Evergreen Memorial Park Mausoleum

1301 10th Street NE
East Wenatchee, WA 98802

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB 12. 2:00 PM - 7:00 PM (PT)

Jones & Jones ~ Betts Funeral Home
302 9th Street
Wenatchee, WA 98801
(509) 662-1561
dante@jonesjonesbetts.com

Rosary

FEB 12. 7:00 PM (PT)

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Service

FEB 13. 11:00 AM (PT)

Holy Apostles Catholic Church
1315 8th Street
East Wenatchee, WA 98802
(509) 884-5444
<http://www.holyapostlesew.tripod.com>

Tribute Wall



“ Jones & Jones - Betts Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Nelson T. Hall Jr.



Jones & Jones~Betts Funeral Home - February 12, 2015 at 06:29 PM

GM

“ Nelson Hall was one of a cadre (in retrospect, I would call them a group of Angels) that surrounded me with compassion, empathy and very real support when I was in my early teens. My mother was ill for several years. Nelson could see the affect it was having on me. My mother died when I was age 14. Nelson Hall, the dear man, stepped up to help this kid in need of support and offered me a job, even though I was just a kid. The job was to help him build septic tanks for the summer. I can still remember, vividly, going through that narrow opening at the top and down the ladder to the bottom of those new tanks. He really didn't need my labor, I am sure. He said he couldn't pay cash for my work but he would pay me with a 1936 Chevy Sedan and a 1938 Chevy Coupe. Boy, did he know how to rescue a hurting kid that he knew loved cars! He knew too that he needed to refocus my attention, from sorrow to work. This kid, with the help of the YMCA and Nelson Hall and a few others, derailed a potentially bad future for a teenager who was hurting, disillusioned and even angry. I can say, today, that that kid turned out to be OK and became very successful in life....thanks to Nelson Hall and a few others like him and the YMCA. That is a not a brag. It is a "thank you" to God, for Nelson Hall and the role he played in my life.
Rev. Gary Montague.

Gary Montague - February 13, 2015 at 03:23 AM

 Dana
Schmidt

Thank you for sharing. Sounds like he earned bonus points for Heaven that summer! You may have been the first of many young men including my husband to have worked making septic tanks.

Dana Schmidt - February 20, 2015 at 05:35 PM

MB

“ Dear Cousins and Family,

I and my family have fond memories of days in Chelan and Wenatchee with Nelson and Sarah . The lake and wine tasting. My visits during Apple Blossom were great fun watching the parade from the truck bed of Uncle Nelson's dump truck as a child or the time my kids rode in his hot rod and I sat shotgun. Fond memories. Uncle Nelson is the last of a generation that raised a generation who now will keep the flame of family and love of life burning bright.

Love,

Mark and Sue

Mark Bigger - February 08, 2015 at 03:52 PM

SF

“ *I would like to offer my deepest sympathies to you. I am so sorry for your loss. Please know that you are never alone. Turn to the Holy Scriptures for guidance and to help soothe your heart. Psalms 34:18 assures us that God is near to those broken at heart and crushed in spirit. Please accept my deepest sympathies.*

S Ford - February 07, 2015 at 02:31 PM

ET

“ Dear Hall Family,

We first met Nelson when he purchased a Massey Ferguson Tractor and loader from Tilly Equipment. He became a skilled operator of this machine and made many customer friends happy with his ability to perform excellent work "digging" dirt.

In addition to his mechanical skills Nelson was very honest in all his dealings.

Sincerely,

Earl Tilly

Earl Tilly - February 05, 2015 at 11:05 AM


Hydee
Schmidt

Thank you for leaving a comment. It's nice to know the local connection for 'the ferguson.' The ferguson is like a member of the family. So many fond memories of grandpa driving the tractor, various odd jobs around the orchard and the yard... plus lots of rudes for the grand kids. I appreciate your kind words...

Hydee Schmidt Shrader - February 13, 2015 at 12:27 AM