



## Raymond Johnston

June 28, 1929 - June 5, 2021

Raymond Albert Johnston AKA Raymond "AWESOME" Johnston  
US NAVY 1948-1978

Raymond Johnston was born in Wenatchee, WA along with his twin brother LeRoy Johnston.

They graduated from Wenatchee High School in 1947. LeRoy joined the Navy upon graduation. Raymond attended Wenatchee Valley College and played on the first local college organized football team (under coach Doc Conway) in Fall 1947.

Raymond Entered US Navy in 1948. Enlisted for four years. Joined his brother in a Navy Patrol Squadron in the Pacific. At the end of enlistment, Korean War was in full swing. President Truman froze all enlistments so Raymond's service was involuntarily extended indefinitely-Reenlisted for four more years. At the end of the enlistment (8 years service), was in China. Reenlisted again and then decided to make the Navy a career. He Was Promoted to Chief Petty Officer.

While on active duty he went to night school whenever duties permitted and graduated from University of LaVerne California.

In 1963 Raymond was fortunate enough to attend Officer Candidate School in Newport, Rhode Island. He married June Yasuda in Honolulu Hawaii. They had two children Edward and Lynn-and lived in Wenatchee. The family traveled to the Phillipines for three years- Very educational for his family.

He served many years in Aviation squadrons, Destroyer Navy, Amphibious Force, and with duty aboard cruiser USS CHICAGO (CG-11).

Interesting places Raymond went:

Hawaiian Islands (Oahu, Hawaii)

Johnston Island

Kwajalein Island

Guam

Midway Island

Okinawa

Japan (Yokosuda, Sasebo, Tokyo, Yokohama, Kobe)

China (Hong Kong, Kowloon)

Vietnam (Da Nang and Rivers)

Philippines (Subic, Clark, Manila)

Taiwan

Rhode Island

The Navy was his life and he has no regrets- it was a wonderful experience and career. Raymond remained on active duty until 1978 and retired as Lieutenant Commander. He moved back home to Wenatchee.

Worked with Jim Davenport Realtors and managed the family apple ranch at Rock Island.

June passed away in 2006.

Raymond remarried a wonderful lady and friend, Debra. He volunteered many years with Adult Respite Day Care Center and Wenatchee bowling

associations (local and state). Member of Apollo Club. Life member of Military Officers Assn of America, American Legion, and Veterans of Foreign Wars. Constant Visitor with Vets serving Vets (a very valuable and supportive organization).

Proceeding his death we his parents Claude and Barbara and his twin brother Le Roy.

Raymond is survived by his wife Debra, his children Edward Johnston (Kime), Lynn Newell (Kevin), Jennifer Cook (Rob), Jaime Ewing -McFall.

Grandchildren, Brandon, Stacey, Derek, Alyssa, Cameron, Addy, Ava, Olivia and John Thomas. Four Great Grandchildren.

Celebration of Life at 11am Monday June 14th at Eastmont Baptist Church 400 S Kentucky Ave. East Wenatchee WA. Graveside service with Military Honors to follow at Evergreen Memorial Park.

In Lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made in his memory to the Apollo Club or Vets Serving Vets in Wenatchee.

There will be a reception to follow, to RSVP please contact Debbie Volkmann at (509) 679-5292.

# Previous Events

## Celebration of Life Service

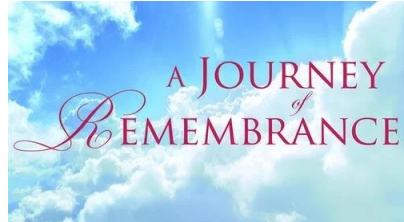
JUN 14. 11:00 AM (PT)

Eastmont Baptist Church  
400 S Kentucky  
East Wenatchee, WA 98802

# Tribute Wall



“ Jones & Jones - Betts Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Raymond Johnston



Jones & Jones~Betts Funeral Home - June 14, 2021 at 12:40 PM



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Jones & Jones~Betts Funeral Home - June 10, 2021 at 02:01 PM

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“ I goofed on my remembrance of Ray. I'm sorry Debra that I left you out.

Earl

Earl Tilly - June 08, 2021 at 11:23 AM

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“ Dear June and Family,

*I have wonderful memories of working with Ray at the Adult Respite Care Center. He was so dedicated in serving others.*

*Through the years It was always a treat to see Ray's smiling face in the Apolla Club performances.*

*Sincerely,*

*Earl*

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**Earl Tilly** - June 08, 2021 at 11:19 AM