



Richard D. Bartram

May 18, 1920 - February 19, 2015

Richard Donald “Dick” Bartram, 94, passed away on February 19, 2015, following a brief illness. Dick was born on May 18, 1920, near Chelan, WA on Bear Mountain to parents, Donald R. and Claretta Fay (Johnson) Bartram. He grew up on the family apple and fruit orchard near Chelan and graduated from Chelan High School in 1939. He graduated from Washington State College in 1943, with a B.S. in Horticulture.

After four years of basic and advanced ROTC at W.S.C., he was inducted into the Army and attended officer training, graduating as a Second Lieutenant, and attached to the 81st Infantry Division. He became part of an “unarmored tank and reconnaissance unit” attached to the 1st Marine Division. They were sent to the South Pacific in July, 1944. His unit participated in the invasion of Peleliu Island as a combat team of the 81st Infantry “Wildcat” Division. In May 1945, the 81st was assigned duty to the island of Leyte in the Philippines to complete the liberation of that island. From June 1945 to July 1946, Dick participated in the occupation of Japan. He was an active Army Reserve Company officer from 1950, as a Captain, until 1964, when he retired as a Major and Unit Commander.

Dick married his college sweetheart, Lorne Marie Cook, on February 12, 1944, at San Louis Obispo, CA. Following an honorable discharge from the Army in 1946, Dick was hired by WSC as a North Central Washington

Horticultural Extension Agent and moved to Wenatchee, WA. Earlier on, his work included an oversight/leadership role with the 4-H Club. During his 35 years of work, he received many accolades. IN 1959, he received “A Distinguished Service Award” from the National County Agricultural Agents Assoc. He published more than 30 articles in industry and governmental publications and traveled extensively for the industry. In 1965, he received his Master’s Degree in Economics at Oregon State University. Later in his career, he was well known for his work seeking the best apple maturity and harvest timing for optimum storage quality. Dick was selected as the Apple Blossom Festival’s Outstanding Citizen in the apple industry for 1982.

He was a longtime member of St. Luke’s Episcopal Church, serving on the vestry and as the church treasurer. He was also a longtime engaged member of the Wenatchee Downtown Rotary Club.

He enjoyed extensive travel, with Lorne, in their motorhome, both for work and pleasure. The family enjoyed boating, traveling and recreating together, especially at Lake Chelan.

Dick was a good and loving husband, father, and friend. He was a great provider for his family. “He was very strong [for others] even though he didn’t make “a big noise”.”

Survivors include his sons, Ronald of Wenatchee, and Bruce (Catherine) of Bellevue; grandsons, Robert (Catie) of Everett and James of Seattle; sister, Pat LaPorte of Chelan; special friends, Gloria, Lee and Antonio Stephens of Arroyo Grande, CA; and many other relatives and friends. He was preceded in death by his infant brother, William; his son, William Charles “Bill” Bartram; his parents; his wife, Lorne; and his brother, Maxwell.

A Memorial Service will be held on Saturday, March 7, 2015, at 2:00 p.m. at

St. Luke's Episcopal Church, 428 King Street, Wenatchee, WA, with a reception following the Service. (509-662-5635). In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to St. Luke's Episcopal Church Memorial Fund. Please express your thoughts and memories on the online guest book at jonesjonesbetts.com. Arrangements are by Jones & Jones-Betts Funeral Home.

Previous Events

Service

MAR 7. 2:00 PM (PT)

St. Luke's Episcopal
428 King
Wenatchee, WA 98801

Tribute Wall



“ Jones & Jones - Betts Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Richard D. Bartram



Jones & Jones~Betts Funeral Home - March 06, 2015 at 04:29 PM

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“ Dear Bartram Family,
I missed being with you to celebrate Dick's life, but want you to know about a special Rotary project that will get started later this year in Esteli, Nicaragua. StoveTeam is the name of this humanitarian project that will manufacture Ecocina fuel efficient stoves that burn clean, use less wood and most importantly will not emit dangerous smoke. The website is www.stoveteam.org. We are making a memorial to this project, that will save many many lives of women and children, in memory of our friend Dick who led an exemperlary life of serving others.

Sincerely,

Earl Tilly

Earl Tily - March 21, 2015 at 05:15 PM

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“ Dear Bartram Family,

I first met Dick when he was very active in getting the Chelan County Fair organized in connection with 4-H. Later I was in the 440th Army Reserves where he was a special leader. Much later we both enjoyed the fellowship of Wenatchee Rotary Club and the game of bridge.

Both Dick and Lorne were valuable members of our community. They had great minds and enjoyed sharing their experiences and knowledge with many groups.

Another side of the story of the Bartrams was our relationship with his father, Don. Don was a favorite customer of Tilly Equipment and we enjoyed serving him with his orchard equipment.

The Bartram legacy lives on in Chelan County.

Sincerely,

Earl Tilly

Earl Tilly - March 03, 2015 at 11:01 PM



“ *We played bridge over the years and met a number of times. I learned he had led a military squad into a Japanese island in WWI I to rescue a prisoner of war. He was successful in bring the POW out without losing anyone in his squad. I understand his story was recorded by Wenatchee High School students who interviewed veterans as a community project. He was a humble, interesting man. I am glad I got to know him.*

James Russell - March 01, 2015 at 10:02 PM