



Richard R. McLearn

November 14, 1925 - February 19, 2017

Richard (Dick) McLaren

Wenatchee, WA

Dick McLaren, age 91, passed away peacefully on Sunday, February 19, 2017.

Born in Wenatchee to Robert and Betty McLaren, he had two brothers, Arthur "Art" of Wenatchee and Kenneth of Tampa, Fl. Drafted by the US Army in February 1944 he served with the 513th Parachute Regiment of the 17th Airborne Division in the European Theatre until May 1946. After the war Dick attended Eastern Washington College where he met his future wife Patricia (Pat) Fish who he married in 1951. He played for the EWC Savages basketball team and was a 2 miler for the track team. Dick spent 38 years as an educator. After 1 year as a 7th and 8th grade teacher in Wilbur, WA he moved to Edwall, WA where for 4 years he taught Physics, General Science, PE, and coached basketball. He spent the next 33 years at Cashmere High School where he first taught Industrial Arts and was the head basketball and track coach. He also was the assistant football coach known to the players as "Doc". After retiring from coaching Dick served as school counselor for 20 years. He believed that his job was to give assistance, list options, and offer advice to students but not to make decisions for them as it was up to them to decide which paths in life they would take. In the community Dick was very active in the Kiwanis club and the church. Retirement in 1988 provided him opportunity to travel through out the US and abroad. As an active member

of the Appleland Promenaders Square Dance Club, he and Pat enjoyed dancing with friends through out the US. Dick's greatest joy was spending time with his family chuckar hunting, driving to his sons' games in his van, designing and building his son's log home, taking his grandkids camping and boating, and dancing with his best girl of 65 years. He is survived by his wife, Pat McLaren; his children, Kenneth McLaren, Leavenworth, Robert (Teri) McLaren, Kent, Barbara (Knut) Anderson, Gig Harbor; 3 grandchildren; 3 great grandchildren; nephew, Roy (Tammy) McLaren, East Wenatchee; nieces, Pam Davidson, Fort Meyer, Fl., and Betty Benefiel, Spokane.

At his request there will be no service or reception at this time. If wished, memorials may be made to Cashmere Schools Foundation, 210 S Division, Cashmere, WA 98815 or American Parkinson Disease Association (Washington State Chapter), 150 Nickerson St Suite 100, Seattle, WA 98109. Please express your thoughts and memories on the online guest book at jonesjonesbetts.com. Arrangements are by Jones & Jones – Betts Funeral Home.

Tribute Wall

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“ Dear Pat, Robert, Kenneth, and Barb-
So sorry to hear of Dick 's passing. Dick and your family have been friends for so many years to our family that we have literally hundreds of great memories of Dick and the rest of your family. So many funny tales and experiences together. You all have been so instrumental in so many peoples lives, and Dick was such a big part of all of that. Over 50 years of friendships between our families, and I still feel like one of the Orchid/Emerald gang. We've lost a dear one, but his memory still remains!
Your longtime friends-
Charlie Cruickshank and the Cruickshank family

Charlie Cuickshank - March 04, 2017 at 10:00 AM

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“ Dear Pat,
I am so sorry that Dick has passed away. I am so very thankful for the memories that I have of you and him laughing and being silly together square dancing. Wathcing the two of you have fun together with the other dancers, are some of my favorite memories. Having been able to dance with him, and with all of you, will always make me smile.

Lori Summers DeWitz - February 27, 2017 at 03:43 PM