



Robert Earl Cowan

December 9, 1935 - April 26, 2026

Robert Earl Cowan, 90, born in Entiat on December 9, 1935, passed away peacefully on April 26, 2026.

Bob, known for his easygoing nature, kindness, and sense of humor, had a gift for bringing people together—through conversation, laughter, or one of his lighthearted “mischievous moments”. He was also known for his storytelling style that somehow made even his shortest stories feel like an event.

Bob married Jacqueline Weimer in September 1955. Together, they raised two daughters, Dianna and Joanna, and built a life on family, community, and connection, creating a home that welcomed everyone.

He began his teaching career in Republic and later retired from the Leavenworth School District as a History, P.E., and Driver’s Ed teacher, and High School Counselor.

Outside of work, Bob enjoyed hunting, fishing, and any opportunity to be outside. He loved boating on Lake Chelan and was happiest behind the wheel, pulling water skiers and tubers. Summers on the lake and cross-country skiing in the winter weren’t just vacations—they were a way of life for the whole family.

After retiring, Bob and Jacquie were involved in Leavenworth's Autumn Leaf Festival, traveling across the country to participate in parades and celebrations. They continued that tradition and spent many more years traveling and visiting friends they met along the way.

Bob was preceded in death by his beloved wife, Jacquie, and his daughter, Joanna.

He is survived by his daughter Dianna and son-in-law Joel West; his grandchildren April (Dustin) Peone, Brandi (Wes) Cusick, Cailey (Chris) Couch, and Colton (Allison) Dally; and his great-grandchildren, Jacob, Amy, Jax, and Beckham, with another great-granddaughter expected soon.

Bob will be remembered for the joy he brought to others, the laughter he shared so freely, and the countless memories made on the water, in the mountains, and around the people he loved most.

Please express your thoughts and memories on the online guestbook at jonejonesbetts.com. Arrangements by Jones & Jones – Betts Funeral Home.

Tribute Wall

JZ

“ *Dianna, I am very sorry for your loss. Bob always brought a smile to me. I will always miss him. -nurse Jovanna*

Jovanna Zamora - May 14 at 02:43 AM

PK

“ *Di, I was so sorry to hear about the loss of your Dad. He was such a big part of Leavenworth High School and so many great experiences we all had. Both your mom and dad were very dear to me and I, along with so many share your loss.*

Pam Coffin Kiehn - May 07 at 12:15 PM

SM

“ *Mr. Cowan was the counselor at LHS when I was in high school, super great guy!*

Sheryl (Bowen) Montgomery - May 01 at 04:27 PM

JW

“ *Bob was a real treasurer. You forgot to mention his classic fur coat*

Judith Maki, Wyssen - April 30 at 01:22 PM