



Wayne J. Shanda

March 15, 1934 - November 16, 2014

Wayne Joseph Shanda, 80, of East Wenatchee, passed away on Sunday, November 16, 2014.

Wayne Joseph Shanda, born at the family home near Vining in Tama County, Iowa on March 15, 1934 was the oldest child of Elmer and Ella (Sokol) Shanda. He spoke Czech as a young child, not learning English until he began grade school. Prior to graduating from High School, Wayne enlisted in the U.S. Navy serving as a medical corpsman from 1952 to 1955, assigned to Bethesda Hospital in Maryland. Upon return he completed his high school equivalency in Belle Plaine and worked on military radios at Collins Radio in Cedar Rapids, IA.

Following a car accident, Wayne was admitted to St. Luke's Hospital in Cedar Rapids, IA where Bonnie Jean Wayman was one of his nurses. After bringing him several chocolate milkshakes, they dated and ultimately married in August of 1957. Their first child, Suanne Marie was born in 1958 and the young family moved across the country to East Wenatchee WA in 1959. He worked as a shoe and clothing salesman and actually fit "Tiny" from Cashmere for pants.

Following the birth of their second daughter, Dianne Laree in 1960, the family moved to Waterville where he attained a surveying position with the Douglas

County Engineers. Their youngest child David Wayman was born in 1963. Wayne raised horses, became a 4-H leader and Sunday School Teacher and was a member of the Waterville Federated Church. He eventually promoted to accountant and Wayne ultimately retired in 1989 as Deputy Treasurer of Chelan County serving under Bob May.

Wayne relocated to Wenatchee, in 1975 met Mary Schultz and eloped to Reno, NV. His family expanded significantly with three step sons, Terry, Troy and Scott Gere. Following retirement, Wayne worked in a program for individuals with intellectual disabilities where Mary made and Wayne delivered apple chips, apple butter, and wood crafts. He enjoyed ham radio, became skilled working with stained glass making several lamps, and he lived to fish and camp.

Wayne is survived by his 3 children, 3 step-sons, 11 grandchildren, and 7 great grandchildren; two siblings – brother Marvin (Pearl) Shanda of Des Moines IA and sister Marlene Stutzman of Marion, IA. His sister, Marjorie preceded him in death. The family thanks his physician, Dr. Jeffrey Clark, his caregivers at Columbia Heights, Colonial Vista and Young At Heart adult family home for their care of Wayne following a debilitating stroke in 1994. In lieu of flowers the family requests donations to a charity of your choice.

Funeral Service will be held at 1:00 p.m. on Thursday, November 20, 2014 at Jones & Jones ~ Betts Memorial Chapel. Private interment will be held at Wenatchee City Cemetery. Please express your thoughts and memories on the online guest book at jonesjonesbetts.com. Arrangements are by Jones & Jones-Betts Funeral Home.

Cemetery Details

Wenatchee City Cemetery

1804 N. Western
Wenatchee, WA 98801

Tribute Wall



“ Jones & Jones - Betts Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Wayne J. Shanda



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“ Wayne was a wonderful person to work with at the County. I worked with Wayne from 1977 until he left the County and because of our proximity in the building and our related functions, I saw Wayne frequently. He was always professional, caring and appreciated and respected by everyone. I wish I could be in the area for his service because I would be there. Blessings to Wayne's family, Tom Green

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