



William "Bill" Elbert Bechtol

October 18, 1924 - July 13, 2016

William E. (Bill) Bechtol, beloved husband, father and grandfather, passed away in Wenatchee, Washington on July 13, 2016 at the age of 91. He was born October 18, 1924 to W. A. and Effie Bechtol near Coulee City, Washington. Bill was raised on the family farm attending school at Coulee City. A World War II veteran, he enlisted in the United States Army at the age of 19 serving three years achieving the rank of Staff Sergeant. During his military tour, he was stationed in Germany and France. Bill returned to the family farm after discharge from the Army farming for over forty years with his brother Roy. In 1947 he met his lifelong companion, Mary E. Starkel marrying November 30 of that year. Bill was elected Douglas County Commissioner in 1960 serving in this capacity for 20 years. Later he served as PUD commissioner. One of Bill's passions was spending time at his vacation property at Tall Timber near Lake Wenatchee. Always, proud of this military service, Bill was able to visit the World War II memorial in Washington D.C. shortly after its completion. After retiring from farming, he spent his later years in Wenatchee, Washington. He was a member of the St. Andrews Grange and Faith Presbyterian Church in East Wenatchee. He is survived by his wife Mary, 2 sons, Roger Bechtol of Goose Creek, South Carolina, Russ Bechtol of Kennewick, Washington, 2 brothers, Roy Bechtol of Coulee City, Washington, and Clarence Bechtol of Wenatchee, Washington. He is also survived by two grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

A Funeral Service will be held at 11:00 A.M. Monday, July 18, 2016 at the

Faith Presbyterian Church of East Wenatchee, 200 S. Kentucky Ave, East Wenatchee. WA. Interment will be at Highland Cemetery in Coulee City WA. 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

JUL 18. 11:00 AM (PT)

Faith Presbyterian Church of East Wenatchee
200 S Kentucky Ave
East Wenatchee, WA 98802

Tribute Wall

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“ *To the family of Bill Bechtol,
Bill was a terrific guy with a great deal of common sense,
personality, intelligence and class. He was an excellent Douglas
PUD Commissioner, which is when I had the privilege of working
with him and getting to know his first class persona. He was always
a gentleman and took the high road. Human beings don't come any
better than Bill Bechtol.
My sincerest sympathies to his family.
Gar Jeffers*

Gar Jeffers - July 18, 2016 at 11:44 AM

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“ *Best Douglas County Commissioner ever!*

Etta Preugschat - July 15, 2016 at 09:45 PM