



Wylie C Echelbarger

February 7, 1928 - December 7, 2014

Wylie Chase Echelbarger was born on February 7, 1928, in Lynnwood, WA, to Leo and Helen Echelbarger. He died December 7, 2014, in Wenatchee, WA.

Wylie grew up in Lynnwood, WA, along with eight siblings. He graduated from Edmonds High School and then worked for the family business delivering oil within the community. On July 12, 1949, he married Jo Anne Gordon. They had five beautiful children, and eventually moved to Winthrop, WA. Jo Anne passed away on June 8, 1982.

After working in the family business, Wylie began working for the Echelbarger/Keeler Company. After moving to Winthrop, he went to work for the U.S. Forest Service. After retiring from the Forest Service, he worked for multiple local Wenatchee lumber companies until he retired at the age of 82.

He served many years with the Lynnwood Elks, a fraternal organization, eventually earning the title of Exalted Ruler (“Exhausted Rooster,” as Wylie fondly called himself), during which time he oversaw the building of a new Elks Club facility in Lynnwood. Wylie was a loyal, committed man who loved his family and friends deeply. He was a hard worker, and yet saved time for the things he enjoyed most in life, such as woodworking, baseball, the Seahawks, and a good political conversation.

On June 4, 1983, Wylie married Juanita Ebe (Johnson), and they blended their families to include nine children. They lived in E. Wenatchee and Naches, WA, and eventually settled permanently in the home they built together in E. Wenatchee in 1996.

Wylie is survived by his wife of 31 years, Juanita Echelbarger; siblings Dean and Alan Echelbarger, and Jeanne Hensler; children Anne (Kenneth) Erickson, Steven (Denise) Echelbarger, Thomas (Leslie) Echelbarger, and Victoria Davies; step-children Cynthia Woody, David Ebe, Lisa Blair, and Susan McKee; special "daughter" Mary Lee; 24 grandchildren, and 28 great-grandchildren, and many nieces, nephews, and cousins.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Leo and Helen Echelbarger; brothers Donald, Kent, Stanley, and Dale Echelbarger, sister Shirley Keeler; and daughter Suzzanne Albright.

Wylie was deeply committed to his faith and his love for God, and he lived his life as a true reflection of Christ. Wylie knew where he would be spending eternity, and his family eagerly anticipates the day they will all be joined together again.

A Memorial Service will be held Thursday, December 11, 2014 at 2:00 p.m. at Evergreen Memorial Park in the mausoleum in E. Wenatchee. Viewing will be at Jones & Jones – Betts Memorial Chapel in Wenatchee on Thursday, December 11, 2014 from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon. The family would love to have you express your thoughts and memories on the online guestbook at jonesjonesbetts.com. Arrangements are by Jones & Jones – Betts Funeral Home, Wenatchee.

Cemetery Details

Evergreen Memorial Park Mausoleum

1301 10th Street NE
East Wenatchee, WA 98802

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC 11. 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM (PT)

Jones & Jones ~ Betts Funeral Home
302 9th Street
Wenatchee, WA 98801
(509) 662-1561
dante@jonesjonesbetts.com

Service

DEC 11. 2:00 PM (PT)

Evergreen Memorial Park
1301 10th St NE
East Wentatchee, WA 98802
(509) 884-4651

Tribute Wall

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“ My condolences to Juanita and the family. I did not have the pleasure of knowing Wylie long, but in the short time I did, he always had a smile on his face and never complained. He was truly a gentleman in every sense of the word.

Denise Mays - December 11, 2014 at 03:47 PM

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“ Sending my sincere sympathy and heart felt love to Anne, Steven, Tom and Vickie. JoAnne was my idol when I was a teen and when she married Wylie was thrilled and a wee bit jealous as he was such a great guy and anyone who knew him felt the same. Hope you are all doing OK and I will think of you, often. Linda

Linda Watson - December 11, 2014 at 03:14 PM