



Gerald H. "Jerry" Morton

February 27, 1932 - June 24, 2014

82 YEAR OLD, LONG TIME CHELAN RESIDENT, COMMUNITY ADVOCATE, & BUSINESSMAN Jerry Morton went home to our Lord June 24, 2014. Monday, June 23rd Jerry & a friend were working on starting a dump truck & he was critically burned. Jerry was taken to the L.C. Community Hospital, and then transported to Harborview in Seattle. The Lord mercifully took him home early Tuesday morning in the presence of his family. Jerry (Gerald H.) Morton was born February 27, 1939 to Lloyd & Jewell Morton. His parents owned a grocery store, meat market, gas & repair station, and a restaurant on the upper end of Woodin Ave. in Chelan. Jerry, his three brothers, Harold (Sam), Ellis, and Marvin, and their younger sister Alice (Adams) all attended Chelan schools. Jerry was born, raised, educated, and lived in Chelan his entire life. His great granddaughter was the 7th generation to call Chelan home.

Jerry was a friend, husband, father, grandfather, son, brother, neighbor, milkman, avid sports fan, baseball coach, politician, community advocate, Eagle, fundraiser, & co-founder of Eagle Valley campground for youth and families and Eagle members in Cle Elum.

On September 28, 1949 Jerry married his high school sweetheart, Joan (Marjorie) Greenway. They raised two daughters, Jeri (Dowell) and Jacque (Oden). Family and their home were important to both Jerry and Joan. In 1962 they purchased their home, "The Rock House" in the Lakeside area, one of the few remaining older homes in the area built from solid boulders. Oh how much Papa was loved by his kids & grandkids. How much we miss him. We were so lucky to have had him as ours for 82 years.

In 1953 Jerry went to work as a milkman for Del Griffith, delivering commercially to Chelan and Manson, and commercial and home deliveries in Pateros, Brewster, and Bridgeport. In 1973 he purchased the company and formed Morton's Milk Delivery, Inc.

In 1953 Jerry also joined the Chelan Eagles, F.O.E. #2218. In 1958 he became the president of the local aerie and in 1969 he became the State President, the youngest in the nation to hold that title at that time. As his State project Jerry talked the women's State President into joining him to co-found Eagle Valley. It was originally intended to be the permanent youth site for their youth conventions, with ball fields, camping and various amenities to support youth and their families but has turned into a beautiful 43 acre

campground for families, youth groups, and Eagle members.

Jerry coached baseball for a number of years, Little League, Babe Ruth, Pony League, and American Legion. His players were from Chelan, Manson, Pateros, Brewster, Bridgeport, Mansfield and Waterville. Jerry loved the players, their families, the game and the fans.

Jerry was Chelan's Lions Club president in the 70's. He belonged to a number of clubs in various areas around the state, the Sportsman Club in Soap Lake, and a number of Eagle aeries.

In 1989 he bought the Texaco gas station on the corner of Woodin Ave. and Columbia. After 60 years of marriage he lost his wife, Joan, while they were wintering in Palm Springs, CA in February 2010.

June 6, 2011 Jerry married a long time friend and co-board member of Eagle Valley, Patricia (Pat) Durham. They made their home in the "Rock House" in Chelan where Pat still resides. During their short 3 years of marriage he and Pat enjoyed traveling, wintering in the Palm Springs area with Jacque and the Mamaes, and working at Eagle Valley, unquestionably his life's legacy.

"; all the days ordained for me were written in your book before one of them came to be."

Psalm 139:16 "I'm back home in the house of God for the rest of my life." Psalm 23:6b

Jerry is survived by his wife of the home, Pat Morton; daughter, Jeri Dowell (Al Cole), grandchildren, Brandon Dowell, Damian Mamae (Bob), great grandchild Staesha Mamae, step grandsons Tracy Dowell, Troy Dowell (Linda); daughter, Jacque Oden, grandchildren, Lance Sperry (Natalie), greats Robert and Nickie, grandson, Nicholas Oden, step grandchildren Jerod Oden and Allyson Rassmussen. He is also survived by his brothers, Ellis (Bonnie) Morton, Marvin (Rosalynne), and sister Alice Adams (Buell).

Jerry was preceded in death by his parents, his brother Harold (Sam) and his wife, Joan Morton.

Commemoration Services will be held Saturday, August 2, 2014 at 11:00am in Chelan at the Community Gym, 303 E. Johnson and Sanders with Pastor Gordon Hyde officiating. A dinner will follow upstairs at the Chelan Eagles on Woodin Ave.

It was Jerry's dream to build baseball fields at his beloved Eagle Valley. Memorials may be made in his honor to Eagle Valley, Box 1059, Chelan, WA 98816.

Events

AUG **Service** 11:00AM
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 Lake Chelan Community Gym
WA, US

Comments



“ A tribute video has been added.



Precht Rose Chapel and Barnes Chapel - July 28, 2014 at 03:14 PM



“ Ron Hauswirth: I use to swipe ice off of your Dad's delivery truck starting when I was about seven or eight. We lived out on the Brewster-Bridgeport bar and if we were gone, we just left the money on the counter and your Dad would put the milk in the refrigerator. When I was eighteen, I played third base for your Dad on the American Legion team. Your Dad was always nice to our family. Sorry I missed the service. I didn't know he had passed. Blessing to your family.

Ron Hauswirth - November 06, 2016 at 06:03 PM



“ I remember Jerry fondly from my childhood in Brewster, he was our milkman, also in my teen age years he delivered milk to Johnny's Market in Brewster. I had an after school job there. He was kind man and will be missed by all who knew him.

Bill Word, Jr - August 04, 2014 at 05:24 PM



“ Sheila Valentine lit a candle in memory of Gerald H. "Jerry" Morton



Sheila Valentine - August 02, 2014 at 10:22 AM



“ Edie Summers lit a candle in memory of Gerald H. "Jerry" Morton



Edie Summers - August 01, 2014 at 02:46 PM



“ DeeDee Torgeson lit a candle in memory of Gerald H. "Jerry" Morton



DeeDee Torgeson - August 01, 2014 at 07:47 AM



“ Chuck Carson lit a candle in memory of Gerald H. "Jerry" Morton



Chuck Carson - August 01, 2014 at 01:13 AM



“ A green candle for the color of Eagle Valley, the place he loved!

Chuck Carson - August 01, 2014 at 01:19 AM



“ Jerry was a kind hearted joyful Uncle. He was always there and a wonderful man to be in his light. His love and memories will burn inside our hearts forever!



Misty Waugh - July 31, 2014 at 08:36 PM



“ 1 file added to the album My beloved Great Uncle Jerry 2000 with his brother Ellis Morton



Misty Waugh - July 31, 2014 at 08:28 PM



“ My Dad and Uncle Jerry At Baby Shower for Jasmy in Chelan Just one of my favorite Moments with my Family

Teresa Archachan - August 03, 2014 at 05:25 PM



“ Fran Green lit a candle in memory of Gerald H. "Jerry" Morton



Fran Green - July 31, 2014 at 07:45 PM



“ We will miss your smile and wit. RIP to a special man

Fran Green - July 31, 2014 at 07:46 PM



“ 3 files added to the album Jerry Morton



Amy McGrath - July 31, 2014 at 07:15 PM



“ A beautiful tribute to a beautiful man. We will all miss your jokes, your smile and your kindness.



Amy McGrath - July 31, 2014 at 07:09 PM



“ Charlie And Charlene Butterfield lit a candle in memory of Gerald H. "Jerry" Morton



Charlie and Charlene Butterfield - July 31, 2014 at 06:49 PM



“ We will miss enjoying 'kicks and giggles' with you and the gang; your great smile, the twinkle in your eyes and love of Eagles, family and friends that you shared with all.

Charlie and Charlene Butterfield - July 31, 2014 at 06:52 PM



“ Jerry will be missed by many. I know that Konrad & I will miss our visits we had. He was a very caring friend & a great Eagle. I will miss getting a hug from him when we passed by each other. I will also miss his twinkling eyes & great smile. Our thoughts & prayers to his family. Thank you Jerry for your time you spent with all. , Love,
Konrad & Donna Klippert



Donna - July 31, 2014 at 06:11 PM



“ Joyce Brown-Carson lit a candle in memory of Gerald H. "Jerry" Morton



Joyce Brown-Carson - July 31, 2014 at 04:29 PM



“ Teresa Archachan (Morton) lit a candle in memory of Gerald H. "Jerry" Morton



Teresa Archachan (Morton) - July 23, 2014 at 09:35 PM



“ Nicholas Oden lit a candle in memory of Gerald H. "Jerry" Morton



Nicholas Oden - July 14, 2014 at 12:58 AM



“ 8 files added to the album Jerry Morton



Nicholas Oden - July 14, 2014 at 12:43 AM



“ Tribute photos of Jerry Morton my grandpa who was my wonderful idle.

Nicholas Oden - July 14, 2014 at 12:52 AM