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H. Leslie "Les" Carpenter passed away quietly at home on Saturday, August 16, 2014 in the presence of family and caregivers. He was born on July 30, 1918 to Harry S. and Mary N. Carpenter at Wenatchee, WA.

Les attended school in Chelan, graduating Chelan High School in 1937. He attended technical school in aircraft construction in Long Beach, CA where he then worked for North American Aviation Inc. building P-51 Mustangs and B-25 Bombers throughout the war. Following the war he returned to the Chelan Valley and married Helen Faris Brown in 1947 and they continued to operate apple orchards until her death in 1971.

He served many years as a director and president of the boards of Blue Chelan Inc. and Growers Credit Inc. He also was a member of the Chelan County Sheriff's Posse and involved in numerous search and rescue operations. He was an active member of the Manson Outlaws Saddle Club, the Lake Chelan Ski Club and Lake Chelan Lions Club.

He married Louise Jensen Croy in 1973 and they continued to operate orchards expanding to 65 acres. They were avid square dancers and loved traveling the Western States in their motor home.

He is preceded in death by wife Helen, daughter Lucinda, son Harold and wife Louise.

He is survived by his daughter Suzanne Crinklaw; son Keith Carpenter and

wife Adrienne; step- daughter Joanne Vervaeke; step-son Robert “Butch” Croy and wife Brenda; sister Helen Collins; sister-in-law Marcelle Beckley Carpenter; grandchildren Ron (Terri), Randy (Lori) and Ryan (Kristin) Coffell, Amy (John) Coffell Harmon, Brock (Tanya) Gibson, Laura (Jeff) Vervaeke Robinson and John (Michelle) Vervaeke and Corbin (Sarah) Croy; great-grandchildren Emily (Seth) Coffell Small, Rysom Coffell, Taylor, Kelsie, and Cassidy Coffell, Amanda and Aleera Harmon, Aubriana Ray Coffell, Adam Love, Bret and Kristen Gibson, Mae Robinson; and great-great granddaughter Georgia Ann Small.

The family wishes to especially thank care givers Bob and Kathy Eier who have provided loving care and comfort to Les allowing him to live his final years and days comfortably in his own home.

Funeral Services will be held at the Lake Chelan United Methodist Church on Monday, August 25, at 1 p.m.

Please share your thoughts and memories for the family at prechtrose.com.

Services under the direction of Precht Rose Chapel, Chelan.

Cemetery Details

Chelan Fraternal Cemetery

815 N. Bradley St.
Chelan, WA 98816

Previous Events

Service

AUG 25. 1:00 PM (PT)

Lake Chelan United Methodist Church
206 N Emerson St
Chelan, WA 98816

Tribute Wall



“ *H. Leslie "Les" Carpenter*

January 29, 2023 at 08:49 AM



“ *Les was an early customer of Tilly Equipment. It was a privilege to serve this outstanding orchardist and community leader.*

*Sincerely,
Earl Tilly*

Earl Tilly - August 23, 2014 at 09:52 AM

RS

“ I had the privlidge and honor of knowing and working for Les while I worked for Blue Chelan in the 1980's (Les was Chairman of the Board). My grandfather, Jim Welch, also considered Les a friend as they served together in the Grower's Credit cooperative.

I can say Les was as kind and honest man as I have ever known. He was especially kind and thoughtful to my family while we lived in Chelan. I knew of the tragic car accident that took the life of Les's first wife and at least one of his children, and remember talking with Les about that experience. I was amazed with his personal strength in the face of such extreme personal loss. His example greatly impacted my life.

Les is one of a few men that I have tried to model my life after. His personal integrity, kindness, and honesty, will bless his family for generations to come.

I am sorry for the family's loss...but celebrate the life of a wonderful man. We need more men like Les Carpenter.

Sincerely,

Ron Skagen

Ron Skagen - August 21, 2014 at 03:01 PM

VW

“ I was looking at my Uncle Dick's obituary and saw Les had passed. I had the pleasure of taking Les steelhead fishing once and hope he enjoyed the day as much as I did. Les was a good friend of my father Roy and I am saddened to hear of his passing. My heart goes out to the Carpenter family. Vern Westerdahl

vern westerdahl - August 21, 2014 at 04:54 AM