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Jack Raines, 89, of Chelan, Washington, passed away peacefully on October 23, 2024, leaving behind a life story that is equal parts adventure, and hard work. He is survived by his loving wife of 58 years, Marilyn Raines, and their five children, who will forever cherish the memories of their larger-than-life dad.

Jack was many things, a bowler, mountain biker, skier, and a man of endless ambition. He bowled more than a few perfect 300 games in his day and never missed a chance to remind you that he had biked to the top of nearly every mountain around Chelan. He loved snow and water skiing in his younger days, and it was his search for a boat driver that introduced him to Marilyn. She not only steered his boat but soon helped him navigate through life, love, and a series of ventures that kept them both busy for over half a century.

Jack had a favorite saying: "When I moved to Lake Chelan, I didn't have a pot to pee in or a window to throw it out of." But through sheer determination, a strong work ethic, and a commitment to integrity, Jack turned that around. His life was a productive one. He went on to own and operate a bowling alley, a ferry service, an ornamental tree farm, a cherry orchard, a resort, and even a float plane service. If there was a job to be done or a mountain to be climbed, Jack was the man for the job.

A man of his word and a believer in the power of hard work, Jack was

someone people trusted. As many around Chelan would say, "They don't make 'em like Jack anymore." His grit and determination will be sorely missed, but his legacy will live on through his family and the many lives he touched. He will rest easy, he earned it.

Jack was born in Cashmere WA on November 26, 1934, the first child of Darrell and Bernice (Neubauer) Raines of Wenatchee, WA. He grew up with sisters Sally Meuret (Don), Marsha Dickinson and Sharon Otis (Jerry) and graduated from Wenatchee High School. Jack is survived by his wife Marilyn and children Kismene Raines, Cindy Engstrom (Jack), Pamela Raines, Chris Raines (Meg), Shawn Raines, with ten grandchildren & eight great grandchildren.

A Celebration of Life will be held at Chelan Lanes on Friday, November 8th from noon to 4 p.m. at the first place Jack drove into when he came to Chelan, "his home". Please come and say hello, stay awhile, and share memories with the family.

Please support the Chelan Senior Center in lieu of flowers.

Previous Events

Informal Drop-in Celebration of Life

NOV 8. 12:00 PM - 4:00 PM (PT)

Chelan Lanes
518 W. Manson Highway
Chelan, WA 98816
<http://www.chelanlanes.com>

Please feel free to drop by anytime between 12 and 4 PM and just visit with all of Jack's friends share stories of him with all who are there. This is a very informal time to just visit and honor Jack! Hope to see you there.

Tribute Wall

RA

“ I first met Jack when I was a newbie ski instructor at Mission Ridge in 1974. He was one of the "senior" group of "season" instructors. The instructors would often "clinic" in the late afternoons. We would go out as a group, assemble at the top of a run, ski down a ways and then stop and discuss what we doing. There had been fresh, deep powder and the skiing was great. We rounded a corner and stopped along the side of the run. Mel, Lou, Maxine, Bob, Andy, Ron, Debby and many others. Suddenly, here came Jack, swooping in behind us where he hit some deep wind-packed snow and took a header. We debated if it was 2 or 3 forward somersaults before he came to a stop. Several of us helped to gather his gear. I found his sunglasses and hat. When I handed them to Jack, his first words, with that big smile of his, were, "Man, what a run!" That was Jack. A few years later I met Marilyn when we came up to bowl at Chelan Lanes. To Marilyn and family, I am sorry for your loss. Jack was such an energetic and fun loving person. He is remembered and will be missed. To Jack, "You had a great run!" Randy Andrews

Randy Andrews - April 17, 2025 at 01:12 AM

KM

“ Kathy Van Meer lit a candle in memory of Jack Raines



Kathy Van Meer - December 18, 2024 at 04:09 AM

KV

My condolences to Jack's family, I'm sorry to hear that he passed away. -Kathy Van Meer

Kathy VanMeer - December 18, 2024 at 04:13 AM

LD

“ *Lila C Duval lit a candle in memory of Jack Raines*



Lila C Duval - November 24, 2024 at 06:52 PM

LD

My sister's and I worked for Jack in the summer of 1994 . We met so many good people in the Stehekin area, from the employees of the lodge to the local residents,it was a good experience. Jack was a good person to work with, he worked fairly with all of the employees.Total respect for all of the business owners that work as hard as the people that work for them . Thank you Jack . Respectfully Alice Bohun , Phyllis Dalrymple , Lila Duval

Lila C Duval - November 24, 2024 at 07:04 PM

MP

“ *Marie A. Palmer lit a candle in memory of Jack Raines*



Marie A. Palmer - October 28, 2024 at 10:34 PM

MF

“ I remember one of the funniest memories with Jack as a Captain and I was the only crew for a charter on the old Lady 1! We had a full boat of monks who chartered the boat to do meditation! Jack and I could not talk for 3 hours in the small captains quarters! So funny to watch our faces trying not to talk!
What I remember most was what a hard worker Jack was! He worked hard and expected you to do the same! 🙏❤️ Rest in peace Jack

Mona Ferguson - October 27, 2024 at 03:49 PM

EF

RIP Uncle Jack ❤️🙏 Ed and Kathy Farrington

ed and Kathy Farrington - October 28, 2024 at 08:59 PM

TC

“ Tammy A Contreras lit a candle in memory of Jack Raines



Tammy A Contreras - October 24, 2024 at 03:08 PM

SM

“ Rest in peace Jack.



Susan Metcalf - October 24, 2024 at 11:47 AM