



## James C Finley

March 8, 1934 - July 19, 2018

James “Jim” Clayton Finley, 84, passed away peacefully at home on Thursday, July 19, 2018 in Manson, Washington, surrounded by his family. He was born March 8, 1934 to James and Ruth (Hall) Finley in Bend, Oregon.

Jim moved with his family from Bend in 1949 when his parents bought an apple orchard in Manson. After graduating from Manson High School in 1952, Jim attended Wenatchee Junior College and played football for the Knights. He then joined the U.S. Army and served for two years as a High-Speed Radio Operator, spending most of his time in Germany. Following his Honorable Discharge from active duty in the Army (he was an Army Reserve for another six years) Jim attended Western Washington College of Education, graduating in 1959.

On January 5, 1963, Jim married Sharon Rosen in Seattle, Washington. Jim and Sharon lived in Wenatchee, Yakima and Seattle as Jim progressed through the ranks at General Motors Acceptance Corporation. Longing to return to Manson, Jim and Sharon bought his parents’ apple orchard in 1973, thus beginning a 43-year career of growing apples in the Lake Chelan valley. During most of this time, Jim also maintained an office out of his home selling crop and property insurance for Grange Insurance Association.

Jim is survived by his wife Sharon; a daughter Erin (Terry) Jenks of University

Place and grandchildren Spencer and Trevor; a son Paul (Julie) Finley of Yakima and grandchildren Megan, Carter and London; and a son Andy (Katie) Finley, also of Yakima, and grandchildren Dawson, Bailey and Jackson; a sister Nancy Harding of Manson; and several nieces, nephews, other relatives and countless friends. He was preceded in death by his parents; an infant sister Ruth Finley; and his brother Gale Finley.

A graveside service will be held at noon on Saturday, July 28 at the Riverview Cemetery in Chelan, followed by a memorial service at 2 p.m. at North Shore Bible Church in Manson. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to Chelan Valley Hope ([chelanvalleyhope.org](http://chelanvalleyhope.org)) or the Alzheimer's Foundation ([alzfdn.org](http://alzfdn.org)).

# Cemetery Details

## Chelan Riverview Cemetery

401 Riverview Road  
Chelan, WA

# Previous Events

## Graveside Service

JUL 28. 12:00 PM (PT)

Chelan Riverview Cemetery  
401 Riverview Road  
Chelan, WA

## Service

JUL 28. 2:00 PM (PT)

North Shore Bible Church  
123 Wapato Point Parkway  
Manson, WA 98831  
(509) 687-3636

# Tribute Wall



“ *Precht Rose Chapel and Barnes Chapel created a Tribute Video in memory of James C Finley* ”



Precht Rose Chapel and Barnes Chapel - July 25, 2018 at 01:16 PM



“ *James C Finley* ”

January 29, 2023 at 08:49 AM



“ *Annette Persson lit a candle in memory of James C Finley* ”



Annette Persson - January 15, 2019 at 10:37 AM



“ *Nita Hammerstrom lit a candle in memory of James C Finley* ”



Nita Hammerstrom - August 19, 2018 at 04:23 PM

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“ We only met Jim (and his father) once in Manson and we were given the tour of the orchards and the apple plant with Siss & Walt Hammerstrom. Kent and I were hoping to get another visit in these past years when we were in California. Sadly we didn't get there. What a life Jim had! He and his father were such gracious, warm people.

*Nita Hammerstrom*

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**Nita Hammerstrom** - August 19, 2018 at 04:22 PM

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“ Judy and I remember fun times with Jim and Sharon at various GMAC functions. Our condolences to Sharon and family.  
*Earl & Judy Bruggeman Wenatchee*

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**Earl Bruggeman** - July 27, 2018 at 09:31 PM