



Joseph Allen Hanford

July 25, 1942 - February 27, 2024

No obituary found for this tribute.

Previous Events

Graveside Service

MAR 12. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (PT)

Chelan Riverview Cemetery
401 Riverview Road
Chelan, WA

Tribute Wall

“ *In Loving Memory of Chief Joseph A Hanford*

Chief Joseph A Hanford, a proud old goat from the class of 1960, passed away recently, leaving behind a legacy of love, laughter, and a life well-lived. Born and raised in Chelan, home of the Billy Goats, Joe was a man of the community, known for his generosity, humor, and unwavering support for those he loved.

Joe was a man of many talents and passions. He was an avid bowler, a skill he often shared with his children, Scott, Ivan, Teresa, Pat, Ruthie, and Bobbi. Whether it was teaching them how to tie a knot for fishing or supporting them at horse shows, Joe was always there, doing his best to guide and support them. His love for the outdoors was infectious, and he passed on his passion for fishing and adventures in the great outdoors to his children.

Joe was not just a father, but a friend to many. His lifelong friend, Roberta, remembers him as a generous, funny, and true friend who was always ready with a joke to make people laugh. His love for making people smile was evident in his daily life, even during his time at the VA hospital in Spokane, where he spent his days reading dad jokes to everyone.

Joe was a proud veteran, having spent 24 years in the Navy. His service to his country was recognized with numerous awards, including the Navy Presidential Unit Citation, Navy E Ribbon, Navy Meritorious Unit Commendation Ribbon, and many others. His dedication and commitment were a testament to his character.

In his later years, Joe remained as spirited as ever. His stubborn determination was evident in his quote, "What if I want to stick around another 10-15 years?" To which the answer was, "Well, be the stubborn old goat you've always been and do it then."

Joe's life was a testament to his class motto, "Ambition knows no rest." He lived his life with a sense of adventure, a love for his family, and a commitment to his community. He will be deeply missed by all who knew him, but his spirit will live on in the memories and stories shared by his loved ones.

Rest in peace, Chief Joseph A Hanford. Your life was a journey well-traveled, and your memory will forever be a beacon of love, laughter, and inspiration.

Bobbi Hendershott - March 12, 2024 at 05:40 PM



Thank you for including his sons I thank you so very much. This is a very beautiful tribute to Joe.

Jamie Hanford - September 08, 2024 at 03:20 AM

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Bobbi Hendershott - March 12, 2024 at 05:39 PM