



## Leon Keith McDonald

June 12, 1930 - October 8, 2025

Leon Keith McDonald, known to all as Keith, passed away peacefully on October 8, 2025, at the age of 95. He was born on June 4, 1930, in Kamas, UT. Keith was the son of Floyd and Helen McDonald.

Keith grew up in Chelan, WA, and graduated from Chelan High School, a community and landscape that remained close to his heart throughout his life.

Before entering the military, Keith worked in the copper mine at Holden Village, WA, and early chapter in a lifetime of skilled, hands-on work. He later served honorably in the United States Navy aboard the USS Taussig during the Korean War.

After his military service, Keith returned to Chelan and built an apple orchard from the ground up, an early reflection of his dedication, ingenuity, and deep connection to the land. He went on to have a long and accomplished career as master mechanic, working on road construction projects throughout Washington and Alaska, as well as contributing to major hydroelectric infrastructure at the Grand Coulee Dam and other dams along the Columbia River.

In retirement, Keith returned once again to the Chelan Valley. He purchased a 10-acre property, which he personally developed and subdivided into five

separate lots; another example of his self-reliance and vision.

Keith is survived by his daughter, Heidi Kady of Spanaway, WA; and son, Scott McDonald of Moorpark, CA. He was preceded in death by his daughter, Monica; sister, Marsha; and grandson, David Kady.

A graveside service will be held on Thursday, October 23, 2025, at 11:00 am, at Riverview Cemetery, Chelan, WA. Precht Rose Chapel is assisting the family with arrangements.

Keith will be remembered for his strength, independence, and enduring work ethic, a legacy built on a life of service, craftsmanship, and deep roots in the Chelan Valley. He will be greatly missed.

# Previous Events

## Celebration of Life - Graveside

OCT **23**. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (PT)

Chelan Riverview Cemetery  
401 Riverview Road  
Chelan, WA

# Tribute Wall



“ *RIP Papa Smurf, never forget your days driving a concrete truck and on our jobs I did the chutes for you on and off . 💔💜*

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**Gail Stockman** - October 15, 2025 at 09:11 PM