



Orville "Cork" Ott

September 24, 1928 - July 23, 2017

Orville W "Cork" Ott, age 88 of Manson passed away July 23, 2017. He was born on September 24, 1928 in Wenatchee, WA to Raymond and Vella Ott. Cork graduated from Ramona High School, Ramona, CA, class of 1947. He then moved to Fairbanks, Alaska, where he worked for Fairbanks Exploration (FE) in gold fields and then for the US Postal Service. He married Alice Jane Bowie of Chelan on July 8, 1950 in Fairbanks where they lived until returning to Chelan in 1951.

Following Cork and Alice's return to Chelan, he worked at Valley Hardware before moving to Manson in 1955 to begin management of the Chelan/Manson Co-op. In 1964, Cork began a position as a field man/loan officer for Growers Credit in Chelan. Cork and Alice purchased the Lakeland Ski Shop in Chelan in 1966, which remained a Main Street landmark until 1975. Cork and his son, Bill started Northwest Frost Control in Manson in 1976 where he worked until his retirement in 1996.

Cork was a founding member and past commodore of the Lake Chelan Boat Club. He was an avid skier, ski instructor, fisherman, hunter, outdoorsman and a terrific mechanic. The installation of the television repeater on Slide Ridge in the 1950's and the setup of the Poma lift at Echo Valley are two of the many community projects in which he was involved.

Cork is survived by his wife Alice, son Bill and daughter-in-law Pat of Wenatchee, daughters Beth of Seattle and Leslie of Manson. Grandchildren Scott and Landee Ward of Manson, Matt and Michelle Ott of Wenatchee,

Clinton and Trine DeFries of Seattle, Steve and Hannah Ott of Waterville, Jeff and Gina Danner of Seattle, Patrick and Burnley Danner of Seattle and seven great-grandchildren.

Cork had an infectious smile, made friends easily, and loved to laugh. He will be dearly missed.

Funeral services will be held at 10:00 AM on Saturday, August 5, 2017 at Northshore Bible in Manson.

Donations can be made in his name to the Lake Chelan Boat Club scholarship fund.

Previous Events

Service

AUG 5. 10:00 AM (PT)

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

Tribute Wall



“ Orville "Cork" Ott

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