



## Paul Givens Tift

November 12, 1930 - November 18, 2019

Paul G. Tift, of Brewster, WA, passed away November 18, 2019, at the age of 89 at his home after an extended illness.

He leaves his wife of 63 years, Pat (Pitcher) Tift; his daughter, Siri Tift; son-in-law, Kurt Wyant; brother, Orlo Tift; and sister, Ida McCoy; and his three grandchildren Ian Wyant, Kyra Johnson, and Bridget Wyant.

Paul was preceded in death by his parents; his son, Tom Tift; a brother, David Tift; and his sisters, Avis Asdourian and Betty Easterly.

Born on November 12, 1930, in Beaver Crossing, Nebraska to Paul Tift Sr. and Mathilda (Wohlgemuth) Tift, Paul reluctantly left the family farm in Beaver Crossing and moved with his parents to Cashmere, Washington. He graduated from Cashmere High School in 1948.

Upon graduation, he worked as a mechanic for Chelan County. During this time he also competed as a stock car racer and saved money which he used to purchase farmland on Brewster Flat in Okanogan County. In June of 1956 he married Pat in Coeur d'Alene, Idaho. He planted his first orchard of golden delicious in 1959. Paul proved himself to be a successful farmer and orchardist, eventually owning apple, cherry and pear orchards in Okanogan, Douglas, and Chelan Counties. Always a mechanic at heart, he restored

vintage automobiles, motorcycles, and even a Stearman Bi-Plane. He was an amateur beekeeper, gardener and avid reader with a special interest in Early American and Native American history.

Paul cared deeply for his family and was a loving husband, father and grandfather. He was a man of hard work, with many talents and strongly held beliefs, and he led by example in everything he did. Paul is dearly missed.

Graveside services will be held at Locust Grove Cemetery, Locust Way, Brewster at 12 noon, November 30, followed by a Celebration of Life at Lone Point Cellars, 6 Lakeview Way, Brewster, from 1-3:30 pm.

Please leave any thoughts and memories for the family at [www.barneschapel.com](http://www.barneschapel.com). Services are entrusted to Barnes Chspel of Brewster.

# Cemetery Details

## Locust Grove Cemetery

70 Locust Way  
Brewster, WA

# Previous Events

## Interment

NOV 30. 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM (PT)

Locust Grove Cemetery  
70 Locust Way  
Brewster, WA

# Tribute Wall



“ *Paul Givens Tift*

January 29, 2023 at 08:49 AM



“ *Dear Pat and Family,*

*We enjoyed knowing you when we all worshiped at Cashmere Grace Lutheran. I also enjoyed doing business with you and Paul. He was a very talented man and we admired the gifts of his hands.*

*Sincerely,*

*Earl and Barbara Tilly*

**Earl Tilly** - November 27, 2019 at 11:30 AM



“ *So sorry to the family for your loss. Paul was a customer of Hamilton Farm Equipment for as long as I can remember. He could do most of his own repairs but had us make major repairs. I always enjoyed our conversations over years.*

**Wayne Turner** - November 24, 2019 at 01:26 AM



“ *I've know Paul most of my life and I'm proud to say I have always respected him as a person, intesence farmer and good friend. I will miss our conversations and friendship.*

**Bob Foyle** - November 22, 2019 at 10:39 PM