



## Richard Alan Cochran

May 11, 1927 - January 21, 2018

RICHARD “DICK” COCHRAN passed away Sunday, January 21, 2018 surrounded by his loving family. Dick was born May 11, 1927 in Hover, Washington to J. Robert and Edna Cochran. Dick graduated from Chewelah High School in 1944, attended Washington State College for one year before enlisting in the US Navy. After serving in the Navy, he taught one year in a one room schoolhouse in Canfield, Idaho where he got his passion for teaching. He went back to Washington State College to finish his teaching degree. It was there that he met the love of his life Shirley Martin while working for her parents in Martin's Greenhouse. They were married in Pullman, Washington in 1952 and enjoyed 65 years together.

He started teaching Ag Education and Washington History at Manson High School in 1956. He was class advisor for many of the graduating classes. He also enjoyed coaching wrestling. He taught until 1966 when he became a rural mail carrier for Manson and he and Shirley also opened Cochran's Flowers. They sold Cochran's Flowers in 1977 and he retired from the post office in 1989. He continued to substitute teach at Manson into his 80s.

Dick enjoyed gardening and was one of the founding members of the Manson Farmer's Market. He and Shirley started the first 4-H club in Manson and spent 35 years as club leaders. Dick was active in the Chelan Valley Fair. He also spent 36 years on the Chelan County Fair Board – one year as President

of the Washington State Fair Board. He was also active in the Manson Kiwanis, First United Methodist Church, and was on the board for Manson schools and Manson Growers.

He had a passion for kids and saw the value of education. Dick was active in scholarship committees and always worked to help kids succeed. Some special recognitions he received were Manson Citizen of the Year, Kiwanian of the Year and he and Shirley were Grand Marshalls of the Manson Apple Blossom Parade.

He is survived by his wife of 65 years Shirley, sisters Pat Nelson, Nancy Edwards, Eleanor LaRose and brother Thomas Meier, son Robert (Camille) Cochran, daughter Rozy (Ron) Williams; son Marty (Lorrie) Cochran; grandkids Eric, Nick, Austin, Blake and Cole Cochran, Wendy Tukey, Travis and Madison Williams, along with 6 great grandkids. He was preceded in death by his mom and dad and brother Delbert.

A celebration of Dick's life will be held at Manson First United Methodist Church, Saturday, January 27, 2018 at 11:00 am. Donations on behalf of Dick may be made to Manson Kiwanis Scholarship Fund or Manson First United Methodist Church. Kunz Floral of Wenatchee will be in charge of flowers. Precht Rose Chapel is in charge of funeral arrangements.

# Previous Events

## Celebration of Life

JAN 27. 11:00 AM (PT)

Manson United Methodist Church  
28 Boetzke Ave.  
Manson, WA 98831

# Tribute Wall



“ *Precht Rose Chapel and Barnes Chapel created a Tribute Video in memory of Richard Alan Cochran*



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**Precht Rose Chapel and Barnes Chapel** - January 23, 2018 at 03:20 PM



“ *Richard Alan Cochran*

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January 29, 2023 at 08:49 AM



“ *I have known Dick for many years, having grown up in Manson, attending Dicks classes metal shop, ag classes and FFA. Thanks to him in many ways, he was our class advisor, was always a warm handshake at Framers Market, checked in on our Mother in both Manson and Wenatchee. Mom would mention when we talked on the phone about the fruit and veggies he would bring her. Dick will be missed!!*

*Good to see his children following in his "fair" footsteps, keep at it. Thanks for the years of friendship.*

*Larry Morse*

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**Larry Morse** - January 27, 2018 at 01:36 AM

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“ My deepest sympathy to all of his family on Dick's passing. We have not seen each other often in the last decades, but my memory bank about him goes back a long way. I probably saw Dick in 1928 when my family was visiting in Hover. Robert was running the ferry across the Columbia and Uncle Clark was the fireman tossing the wood in the firebox to get enough steam to get the boat across the river. Dick would have been a babe spending most of his time rolled in a blanket. I was a shy 7 year old and probably kept my distance from him.

In 1934 my brothers and I were batching in Lewiston and were invited to celebrate Thanksgiving with the Robert family on the farm in Pomeroy. I expect Robert came and got us. Dick was 7 and I was almost twice his age.

Things changed in 1937 when Dick and his siblings became as part of my family after the death of Edna, his mother. I was in school in Lewiston during the winters but the summers of 1937, 1938, 1939 and 1940 we lived like brothers and worked together on the farm chores.

There were 28 Cochran cousins in my generation and we kept track of each other through reunions and the old Round Robin letter. Only 7 of us remain. We will miss him. May he rest in peace.

*Marion Shinn*

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**Marion Shinn** - January 23, 2018 at 05:21 PM