



Theodore Lawrence Feil

October 23, 1924 - March 14, 2015

Theodore "Ted" L. Feil, 90, passed away at home in Chelan on Saturday March 14, 2015. He was born October 23, 1924 to J. Joseph and Theresa Feil on their farm in Grandview Washington, the fifth child of seven. They lived on the farm, learning the value of the church community by helping the other families of the area with their farm crops, until 1934 when they moved into town. It was during this time of his life that he met his future wife, Helen Robert. She was sitting under a cherry tree after a Catechism class when he got up the courage to talk to her.

Ted graduated from Grandview High School in 1943 and promptly signed up to join the Cadets. He had already received his pilot's license in 1942 through the Civilian Air Patrol. However the Army decided he wasn't qualified for the Cadets, so he was sent to the armament school and was trained as a gunner in B24 bombers. He was sent to fly missions in the China, Burma, India theater. He was honorably discharged in November 1945 as a Staff Sergeant, having earned an Air Medal for 100 hours of flying combat missions, the First Oak Leaf Cluster to the Air Medal for 200 hours, and the Distinguished Flying Cross.

After two years at Gonzaga College studying Mechanical Engineering, Ted started his career with the government working for the Corps of Engineers as a Surveyor. He also had his first date with Helen in July of 1949. They married on September 6, 1950 at St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Sunnyside and

started their family. He went to work for the Bureau of Reclamation in 1953 and continued with them for 33 years, moving with the jobs throughout Washington and Oregon, settling in Chelan in 1969.

As a family man, Ted was very supportive and proud of all his children's accomplishments, interacting with them while they were young, and participated by becoming a baseball umpire for a few years. A devoted Catholic, he was a member of the Knights of Columbus for over 65 years and was one of the first Eucharistic Ministers anointed in Chelan.

He will be greatly missed by his surviving brother Joe Feil, his eight children Marie Palmer of Manson, Stephen Feil of Bonita Springs Florida, Teresa (Ray) Eaks of Edmonds , Joan Friar of Chattanooga Tennessee, Monica Stokes of Wenatchee , Lawrence (Joan) Feil of Burien , Thomas Feil of Chelan, and Timothy (Denise) Feil of Seattle; his seven grandchildren Cindy, Michael, Colette, Kimberly, Nathan, Isaac and Anthony; his five great-grandchildren Molly, Gunnar, Coltin, Alexandria, Annabelle, and Baby Stokes due in May; along with many cousins, nieces and nephews.

There will be a grand reunion in Heaven, as Ted was preceded in death by his parents, his sister Mary, and brothers George, John, Dick and Leo. He is now with his wife of 58 years, Helen, who preceded him in 2008. They are finally together again, Mom sitting in her chair either knitting or crocheting and Dad in his chair watching football or working the crossword puzzle in the daily paper.

Memorial services will be Friday, March 20, 2015 at St. Francis Catholic Church in Chelan starting with viewing at 9:30 am, recitation of the Holy Rosary at 10 am, and Mass of Christian Burial immediately following. Interment will be at Riverview Cemetery after Mass.

Cemetery Details

Chelan Riverview Cemetery

401 Riverview Road
Chelan, WA

Previous Events

Rosary

MAR 20. 10:00 AM (PT)

St. Francis de Sales Catholic Church
210 W. Allen Avenue
Chelan, WA 98816
(509) 682-2433
stfrancischurch@nwi.net
<http://www.saintfrancischelan.com/>

Service

MAR 20. 11:00 AM (PT)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Precht Rose Chapel and Barnes Chapel created a Tribute Video in memory of Theodore Lawrence Feil*



Precht Rose Chapel and Barnes Chapel - March 17, 2015 at 12:57 PM

GM

What a beautiful tribute to one of the kindest gentlest men I've ever known. He will be greatly missed. Love to all. Gerry and Sue

Gerry & Sue Manfred - March 17, 2015 at 03:48 PM

FF

These were wonderful pictures which I truly enjoyed. I didn't spend much time with Joe's Uncle Ted, but when we did make it over to Chelan, there were good times and such wonderful memories. Aunt Helen and Uncle Ted were remarkable and always made us feel so at home. Now they are back together...RIP...you've earned it! You will be missed, but we'll all meet up again. I won't be able to attend services, but this was such a touching array of pictures...thank you! Fran Feil (Joseph A Feil's wife) ❤️

Fran Feil - March 17, 2015 at 04:41 PM

JM

Beautiful tribute . Uncle Ted was a very special person and contributed so much to our lives. He ail be truly missed by all. Love and prayers. Judy

Judy McMullen - March 17, 2015 at 08:55 PM

GM

After watching this video more than a few times, many happy memories rush upon me. I cannot pinpoint one, but the warmth I feel when I see this over and over is the love I felt when I was in Uncle Ted and Aunt Helen's presence. They had a way of making you feel at home; and I loved them for that. I have great memories of reunions in both Grandview and Chelan, especially swimming across the lake in front of their house! I honestly appreciate them both for the love they had for their immediate children and their extended family, which I am proud to say I am a part of.

Uncle Ted, I will miss you; you lived a great life and left a legacy which you should be more than proud of! And Aunt Helen, I always will miss your breadsticks!..... And your love and laughter!

I want to take this opportunity to say how grateful I am for Great Grandma and Great Grandpa for raising great kids. One who would be my Grandmother, and one in Uncle Leo – who is my God Father and he still is a great inspiration in my life.

I am so grateful to my Mother who hosted the latest Family reunion and Uncle Ted's 90th birthday. Without that opportunity, Uncle Ted would not have had the chance to visit with so many family members, especially his last living Brother, Uncle Joe. Thank you so much Mom (Sue Manfred) for your generosity in hosting that event – you were channeling Auntie Helen!

Gerry Manfred Jr.

Gerry Manfred - March 18, 2015 at 04:36 AM

PF

We were blessed to be able to know Ted and Helen, our cousins first once removed. They were both such gentle, kind and welcoming people. We can't be there Friday but send prayers. I am sure the Lord has gathered him into His loving embrace, and will send healing solace to the hearts of all who love him.

Pat Frost - March 20, 2015 at 01:10 AM



“ Theodore Lawrence Feil

January 29, 2023 at 08:49 AM

SM

“ Although I only spent small amounts of my life at different family occasions with Great Uncle Ted I'm left with the memory of what a devoted husband, father, and man he was. I loved the photo tribute, especially he as a young man, as we all are at one time in our lives. Words can't express how lucky I am to have known him, shared his 90th Birthday, and be in the Feil Family Tree. "How is that spelled?" "Feil, F E I L". And as my sister Denise wrote, "please give my grandpa(George) a hug for me", please give my grandpa a hug for me. You are all missed...

Shawn McMullen

SHAWN MCMULLEN - March 21, 2015 at 02:07 AM

DR

“ I lived next door to the Feil family for most of the 1960's. I was in grade school, and have fond memories of the whole bunch. I remember Ted as a no-nonsense dad who, with Helen, raised some amazing kids. I know Ted worked very hard, and was not able to be around as much as he might have liked. He was supporting a big family that continued to get bigger. It's a testament to his love and care for his family that the kids, as far as I can tell, turned out great. At that time, Tedford Street had a lot of kids, We could all play around the neighborhood until dark with little or no supervision. It was a different time, I guess. And the Feil kids were usually the nicest and best behaved.

Steve was a great friend, although a year or two older. Theresa was my age, but you can't hang out with a girl so much in grade school. Marie was the patient role model for all the others, I think. My sister Diane was friends with Monica, the same age. I think Joan was a year older than her. Lawrence was Steve's first brother, must have been a relief. Then Thomas and Timothy. The first birth I remember as a child was Timothy's. Amazing what you can remember after 50 years, when a family had an impact on your early life.

I would check in with Ted and Helen at the house when I was in Chelan for a few years into adulthood, then lost touch.

Saw you all at Helen's funeral, not much time to catch up.

Best to you all.

Dale Rowe

Seattle

Dale Rowe - March 18, 2015 at 11:07 PM

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TO SUPPORT
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AND HELPING
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“ I remember how, at any family gathering, Uncle Ted would visit with all of us "kids" and we could tell that he was genuinely interested in what was going on in our lives. Thank you for all of the wonderful memories, Uncle Ted. Give my grandpa a hug for me.

Denise McMullen-Holladay - March 18, 2015 at 10:22 PM