



Edward James Lovitt

October 28, 1940 - September 20, 2012

Edward James "Ed" Lovitt

Edward James Lovitt died surrounded by his family on September 20, 2012 at Swedish Hospital in Seattle. He was born in Vancouver, B.C., Canada, on October 28, 1940 to Ed and Ermie (Zarelli) Lovitt . He moved with his family to Wenatchee in 1950 for the operation of Lovitt Mining Co. He graduated from Wenatchee High School in 1959 and attended both Wenatchee Valley College and Everett Jr. College before joining the US Air Force in 1961. Trained as a cartographer he spent most of his enlistment at March Air Force Base in Riverside, CA where he met his future wife, Joan Marie Opocensky. They were married on February 17, 1968 in Glendale, CA and made their first home in Seattle, WA where Ed worked for Austin Co., one of the contractors building the Boeing 747 site in Everett. In July of 1969 Ed and Joan moved to Wenatchee where Ed began working for Lovitt Mining Co. Their son, Edward Daniel, was born in January, 1970 followed by daughter, Kimberly Marie, in June, 1972. Ed farmed 100 acres of apples and pears for seven years, then went to work for Bud Truswell at Wenatchee Silica Products and then Asamera Minerals, the operators of Cannon Mine. After the mine closed in 1995 he worked at Northwest Wholesale, Inc. and Trancare before retiring in 2002.

Ed was a wonderful husband and father, a friend to many, and active in the

Wenatchee community. He joined the Wenatchee Applarians in 1974, served a term on their Round Table, and remained a member until his death. He was also active in the Apple Blossom Festival, serving on their board and actively working on, transporting, and assembling the float at many festivals. He had been a member of the Elks Lodge and the Eagles Lodge and became active in Geocaching in 2005, a hobby which he really enjoyed. When Joan retired in 2007 they RV'd and geocached all over the western half of the US, spending time in Arizona and in Texas with their son and granddaughters. He will be greatly missed by his family and many caring friends.

Ed was preceded in death by his parents, Ed and Ernie Lovitt. He is survived by his loving wife of 44 years, Joan Lovitt of Wenatchee; his son, Dan Lovitt, and granddaughters, Alex and Amanda, of Anna, TX; his daughter, Kim Lovitt, of Seattle, WA; and his sister, Bobbe (Dave) Emerson, of Bellevue, WA, and their children and grandchildren.

A Memorial Service will be held on Thursday, October 11, 2012, at 11:00 AM, at the First United Methodist Church in Wenatchee. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Wenatchee Valley Humane Society, The Wenatchee Salvation Army, or the charity of your choice. Arrangements are by Telford's Chapel of the Valley, East Wenatchee.

Tribute Wall

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“*Joan, I was shocked to hear of Eds passing. So many good memories of you two over the years. My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. Wish I could pay my respects in person on Thursday but work pressures won't allow that due to the travel time.*”

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