



Floyd Lavon Wentz

November 24, 1918 - July 27, 2016

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Wenatchee, WA

Floyd Lavon Wentz, 97, of Wenatchee, WA, was called home to heavenly glory through faith in his Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ on Wednesday, July 27, 2016. Floyd was born on November 24, 1918 in Wolf Point, MT to Raymond and Emma (Lawonn) Wentz.

Floyd grew up in Omak and Wenatchee. Upon earning his high school diploma, he joined the U.S Navy and proudly served from 1941 to 1945 as an Aviation Chief Radioman. After returning home, he used the money he had saved during his military service to buy the Superior Cleaners that was on Wenatchee Avenue. That same year, he married his high school sweetheart, Elinor Hoffman and shared 60 wonderful years with her. Together in 1954, they built the first bowling center in Wenatchee, Columbia Lanes on N. Miller Street. In 1968, they also owned and operated Columbia Vending Company and soon after,

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Trophies. Their last project was to build Eastmont Lanes in East Wenatchee.

Floyd was an active member of St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Wenatchee. He was

a member for 83 years, a record at the time of his death. He willingly served in many capacities such as president of the congregation, elder, member of the

building committee for the current church, and assisting the Altar Guild by cutting thousands of squares for making quilts for Lutheran World Relief. He spoke most often of the blessing of teaching the high school Sunday School class. He was always an avid supporter of Christian Education for children.

After being widowed in 2006, he married Alice Wentz, his youngest brother's widow. They enjoyed each other's companionship, until Alice passed away in February of 2016.

As a family, we will remember his positive attitude, his thankfulness for the blessings bestowed upon him by our Lord, and most of all a legacy of the strong faith he has passed on to each of us. Thank you to Sharon, his wonderful and selfless caregiver, family members and friends who cared for and visited with him over the last year. He thoroughly enjoyed those long rides, conversations about the past, and of course, the many strawberry milkshakes.

Floyd was preceded in death by his parents; an infant son; his wives, Elinor and Alice; and three brothers. He is survived by a son, Dan of Omak, WA; a daughter, Barb (Tim) Morello; and daughter-in-law, Nada Wentz of Wenatchee,

WA; grandchildren: Ben Wentz of Boise, ID, Marc (Christine) Wentz of Fall City, WA, Chrissy (Peter) Valleskey of Wenatchee, WA, Debbie Wentz of

Wenatchee, WA, Danielle (JB) Walter of Wenatchee, WA, Matt (Kelsey) Morello of Duvall, WA; and eight great-grandchildren.

A Celebration of Floyd's Life will be held at Faith Lutheran Church in East Wenatchee, WA at 2:00 p.m. on Saturday, August 13, 2016. Pastor Mark Hein will officiate. A private internment will be at the Wenatchee City Cemetery. Friends who wish may make a donation to St. Paul's Lutheran School Scholarship Fund in Floyd's memory. Arrangements are by Telford's Chapel of the Valley, East Wenatchee, WA.