



Gerald Martin Chaption

April 30, 1935 - April 15, 2018

Gerald Martin Chaption passed away Sunday, April 15, 2018, due to complications with diabetes he has been fighting for 45 years. Jerry was born April 30, 1935, in Wenatchee, WA, to William and Evelyn Chaption. He grew up with younger brothers, Gene and Gary. Graduating from Wenatchee High School in 1953, Jerry excelled in basketball and tennis. He attended Wenatchee Valley College, taking accounting classes, and also winning a state tennis title in 1954. He married his high school sweetheart, Louise Ann Morical, on December 20, 1954.

That same year, he started his 28-year career with Chelan County PUD as a meter reader, working his way into accounting, retiring in 1982. While raising their four children, Jerry was a busy man, involving much of his time with youth sports, including the inception of Wenatchee Youth Football in 1966, Eastmont Little League, Babe Ruth, Eastmont Youth Baseball and Soccer.

Jerry also had a 33-year career with the National Guard. The military life fit him well and stayed with him his entire life. He retired at the rank of Lt. Colonel. He spent ten years as Captain of the Wenatchee Police Reserves and always commented on how he enjoyed the 21 years of service on the Eastmont School Board. In 1986, Jerry was named Citizen of the Year by the East Wenatchee Chamber of Commerce. In 1994, he received the Department of Defense Commanders Award for public service. He was cited

for uncommon dedication to duty, specifically for his actions while administering military aptitude exams for high school students. A military news release from Chicago, IL. stated that the Commanders Award is a prestigious honor seldom given to members outside the Commanders organization.

In 2009, Jerry was inducted into the WVC Sports Hall of Fame for tennis. He also served on several different boards and committees in the community. Jerry and Louise enjoyed many summers combing the beaches together on the Oregon coast; it was their favorite family vacation. He loved to hunt and fish (when he had time). In later years, Jerry's mobility became more restricted. However, despite many surgeries and rehabs, he persevered with a positive attitude and outlook. Both Jerry and Louise have been faithful and active members at Calvary Crossroads Church. Louise's faith is what gives her peace in dealing with saying goodbye to Jerry after 64 years together. Jerry made a lifetime of decisions, but the most important decision that mattered to him was when he was a young man, he said "YES" to Jesus Christ. He loved his family dearly, as we loved him. What an amazing race he ran and we will see him again.

Jerry is survived by his wife, Louise, of the family home; son, Chuck (Judy) Chapton of East Wenatchee, WA; son, Scott (Lori) Chapton of Ellensburg, WA; daughter, Ruth (Steve) Stumpf of Mill Creek, WA; son, Tim (Herla) Chapton of Renton, WA; brother, Gary (Dianne) Chapton of Pasco, WA; grandchildren: Spencer and Sydney Stumpf, Rob and Kati Moore, Jesse, David, James and Emma Madrigal; great-grandchildren: Olivia and Stella Moore; plus numerous nieces, and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents, Bill and Evelyn Chapton; brother, Gene; in-laws, Charlie and Gladys Morical.

A Celebration of Jerry's Life will be held at 11:00 a.m., on Thursday, May 24, 2018, at Calvary Crossroads Church, 1301 Maple St., Wenatchee, WA. In lieu

of flowers, memorial donations may be made to Eastmont Youth Sports.
Please leave your thoughts and prayers for the family at www.chapelofthevalleyncw.com. Arrangements are by Chapel of the Valley, Wenatchee, WA.

Tribute Wall

MS

“ I am saddened to hear of Jerry's passing, although it has been quite sometime since we have seen him. He is so fondly remembered as having a profound impact on my life. His tip of an educational employment opportunity shared to my in laws, George and Marilyn Schultz, led to our returning to Chelan back in 1989. We raised our family, and proudly continue to call the area our home. We are now in Brewster and I continue to enjoy my work in Chelan. A wonderful life, well lived, blessed so many. Thank you Jerry. I pray for peace for your family, with beautiful memories to comfort you.

Mary Schultz - May 11, 2018 at 10:40 AM

SS

“ We're lighting this candle in loving memory of our Dear Dad and Grandfather, Jerry "Poppa" Chapton.
Although you can't be here with us, we're truly not apart.
Until the final breath we take,
you'll be living in our heart.



Steve, Ruthie, Spencer & Sydney Stumpf - May 10, 2018 at 10:49 AM

BB

“ Dear Louise Ann,

Although we haven't seen one another since the last reunion, I think of you fondly. Sending healing thoughts and wishing peace to you and your family as you recover from your loss and move forward with your lives,

Barb

Barbara Brownfield - May 08, 2018 at 07:52 PM

EM

“ Dear Louise,
I am so sorry to learn of Jerry's passing. You had a long life together, and will be comforted by the many happy memories you have. I will inform Ruth and Joe, as they don't read the Wenatchee paper. My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family.

Love, Esther

Esther Morical - May 08, 2018 at 09:48 AM

SG

“ I remember Jerry as such a kind and generous man. I am so thankful for all he gave to East Wenatchee schools. Louise is every bit as lovely. Such a Life lived well. Heartfelt thanks and prayers as you say farewell til we meet again! ❤️🙏



Sandy Reider Gellatly - May 07, 2018 at 11:47 AM

AB

“ Dear LousieAnn and family. I am sorry for the loss of your husband and father. Wish I could be there to see you on the 24th. I live in Lake Stevens and will not be able to make it. Please know my thoughts and prayers are with all of you. My Mom, Alma Quehrn, is no longer able to get out and won't be able to attend. She does send her love. I will forever be your "flower girl who didn't want to walk down that aisle." :)

Ann Quehrn Bertomeu - May 06, 2018 at 10:10 PM