



Jay L. Sturm

December 1, 1924 - December 15, 2015

Jay L. STURM
Wenatchee, WA

Jay L. Sturm, 91, passed away Tuesday morning, December 15, 2015 with his family by his side. He was born December 1, 1924 in Eden, Idaho to Leo and Tressie Sturm. Jay graduated from Gooding High School in Idaho in May of 1944

enlisting in the Army thereafter. He married Iona Thornton at Gooding, Idaho on July 1, 1945 before going to Japan on July 7, 1945. After the Army, he worked on several farms before becoming a cement mason. Jay moved with the construction of the dams in Idaho and Washington, (Bliss, Brownlee, Oxbow, Wanapum, Chief Joe, Wells and Rocky Reach) He settled in Wenatchee with his family with the construction of Rocky Reach Dam and never left the valley after that, except for trips to see the family in Idaho. Jay also did cement work throughout the valley for different companies. Jay loved to hunt and fish and taught this love to his sons David and Jerry. David was born on June 9, 1951 and Jerry, December 3, 1952. He bought his first home in Wenatchee so his grandchildren would have a place to play. Up to this time he moved the family with their 45 foot mobile home. On July 1, 2015 he and Iona celebrated their 70th wedding anniversary. Jay is survived by his son David and his wife Joyce; children KatieJo Leppanen

and great grandchild Bridgette of Granite Falls, WA; LoriAnn McKellar and her Husband Duncan and great grandchildren David and Alison of Vancouver, WA; Julie Allie and great grandchildren Chase Allie, Caleb and Jacob Slack all of Wenatchee. He is also survived by his son Jerry Sturm and his children Travis of Federal Way, WA and Adam and Samantha of Wenatchee. Also included as very special neighbors are Danny and Melinda White. A Memorial Service will be held at 1:00 PM Monday, December 28, 2015 at Telford's Chapel of the Valley in East Wenatchee. Arrangements are by Telford's Chapel of the Valley, East Wenatchee, WA