



## Ken Wood

November 9, 1931 - February 9, 2023

Kenneth E Wood, 91, was called to his heavenly home Thursday morning, February 9, 2023. He spent his last hours in his home, surrounded by his loving family.

Ken was born November 9, 1931, in Port Angeles, WA to Elmer and Mary Wood. He was the youngest of three children, brother Dick and sister Betty (Carroll) who both preceded him in death. Ken spent his early childhood in Quilcene, WA before moving to Leavenworth, WA in 1941.

In high school, Ken was a star football running back, as well as an avid skier and ski jumper. This is what helped him to catch the eye of and eventually win the heart of Leavenworth's Snow Queen, Delta Telford. Soon after Ken graduated high school he was drafted into the army. Before leaving for his 18 month deployment in Korea, Ken proposed to and married Delta. They were married February 7, 1953. Ken and Delta just celebrated their 70th wedding anniversary.

Ken and Delta welcomed four children into the world, Cheryl (Don Gilbert) of Langston, AL, Jeff (Anna) of Newman Lake, WA, Deanne (Gary Langston) of East Wenatchee, and Greg (Ceci) of East Wenatchee. After several moves in the PNW, Ken, Delta, and their family made their home in East Wenatchee, WA.

Ken was employed by WA State Highway Department. He helped to build the North Cross State HWY, even driving the first stake that would mark the path of that HWY. In 1967. Ken went to work for Far West Mechanical where he worked until retirement in the summer of 1992.

Ken was very active in many areas of his community. He was a member of the American Legion, active with the Pangborn Airport's Air Shows, a member of the East Wenatchee Rotary, and a longtime member of the Wenatchee Applarians. With the Applarians, he served as Chancellor in 1986. Ken formed many dear and lasting friendships within the Appalarian group. They enjoyed traveling to festivals all over the PNW and even as far away as Kona, Hawaii and Quesnel, BC.

Ken loved to travel. Among his favorite adventures were the ones he and Delta took to Alaska and to Germany. Ken loved camping with his family. Each year he would set up camp on the shores of Blue Lake where he'd go with kids and grand kids for opening day of fishing season. Camping with friends was another of his "favorite things." He and Delta went on many excursions with dear friends who fondly called themselves "The Loose Lugnuts." A yearly fishing trip to Nooka Sound in Canada with his son Jeff and many nephews was another thing Ken looked forward to. On these trips Ken earned the title of "the Admiral."

In his lifetime, what Ken considered to be his greatest accomplishments were his long and loving marriage to Delta, his 4 children and their spouses, his 12 grandchildren and his 17 great grandchildren. When surrounded by this, his family, he was reminded of a life well lived. In lieu of flowers, please consider contributions given in honor of Ken to the Confluence Health Home Care & Hospice at <https://confluencehealthfoundation.org/our-impact/donate-online/>

Viewing will be held on February 16, 2023, from 10:00 – 11:00 AM at Chapel of the Valley.

A Funeral Service for Kenneth will be held at Chapel of the Valley, 378 Eastmont Ave., East Wenatchee, on Thursday, February 16, 2023, at 11:00 AM. Burial, immediately following service will be at Wenatchee City Cemetery. Reception to follow.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

FEB **16**. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (PT)

Chapel of the Valley  
378 Eastmont Ave.  
East Wenatchee, WA 98802  
(509) 884-3561  
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## Funeral Service

FEB **16**. 11:00 AM - 12:30 PM (PT)

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# Tribute Wall

LM

“ So sorry to hear of Ken's passing. I have so many memories of you two from Sunrise East.

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**Louise McEwen** - February 20, 2023 at 01:44 PM

CA

“ Delta and family: So very sorry to hear of your loss. How well I remember the days Ken was playing football when Jim was coach! One of Jims very favorite running backs, by the way!!! Wonderful memories of those football days. He and Jim are now replaying those days I'm sure!!! Love you!! Carol Adamson

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**Carol Adamson** - February 18, 2023 at 12:53 PM

DM

“ So sorry to hear of Ken's passing. He was such a wonderful man, so kind and caring. Condolences to his family

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**Denise Mays** - February 16, 2023 at 02:11 PM