



## Leonard McGaughey

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Leonard James McGaughey joined his Heavenly Father January 26, 2015, surrounded by his family, as cancer had returned in his airway. He was born July 26, 1922, in Louisville, CO to Patrick Lawrence and Maryanne (Cummings) McGaughey as the third of four sons. The family moved to Wenatchee, WA in 1937, to work with another family who owned the Ferry Street Market. He graduated from Wenatchee High School in 1940. He entered the US Army in December 1943, and was a Sergeant on active duty in the Philippines where he strung telephone lines for General MacArthur, and was honorably discharged in February 1946. Leonard met Nadine Dilley on a blind bowling date, and the love they shared endured almost 60 years! They were married at St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Wenatchee on June 21, 1947. Mom died in 2007.

Leonard worked for Wells & Wade Hardware in the sheet metal department for 40 years. After he retired, he and Nadine moved to Crescent Bar and enjoyed many happy times. One of his favorite hobbies was tinkering with old tube TVs. He also liked fishing, visiting Hawaii, pinochle parties, old cars and taking vacations at Lafferty's at Lake Chelan with his family. Dad had a soft

spot for his special pets. His latest was Denise, "his kitty". He was a long time member of the Sheet Metal Workers Union, Knights of Columbus and Holy Apostles Catholic Church. Dad was a very talented man, creating special cookie cutters and brass jewelry boxes (with no seams!) for all the women of the family. He also built additions to both the homes he and Mom lived in. He could build anything! He was the epitome of honesty. His family always came first. He gave us an abundance of love, joy and laughter! He remained humble and loved God deeply. We are so blessed to have had him be our gather!

Leonard was predeceased by his parents; his wife, Nadine; and two of his brothers, Joe and Patrick. He is survived by his brother, William (Carol) McGaughey; his children, Colleen (Jim) Melsness of Mesa, AZ, Tim (Kathy) McGaughey of East Wenatchee, Eileen Bartnick of Wenatchee, and TJ (Debbi) of Auburn; his wonderful grandchildren, who he loved so very much, Andy (Jennifer) Melsness of East Wenatchee, Amy Melsness, Nick Bartnick of Seattle, Angela Barnick of Seattle, Travis McGaughey of Kent and Kati McGaughey of Auburn; and the joy of his life, great-grandson, Matthew Melsness.

Rosary will be held at Holy Apostles Catholic Church on Friday, January 30, 2015, at 7:00 p.m. A Memorial Mass will be Saturday, January 31, 2015 at 1:00 p.m. at Holy Apostles. Memorials may be made to Homecare Services Confluence Health (Hospice), 1020 North Wenatchee Avenue, Wenatchee WA 98801, or The Wenatchee Valley Humane Society, 1474 South Wenatchee Avenue, Wenatchee, WA 98801. Arrangements are by Telford's Chapel of the Valley.

# Tribute Wall

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“ *My condolences go out to you and your family in this difficult time. I would like to share a beautiful Bible hope from God found in Revelation 21:3, 4 that assures us He will wipe all tears from their eyes, and there will be no more death, suffering, crying, or pain. This Scripture has helped me and many others to be able to cope with the loss of a loved one. I hope it helps you also.*

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