



## Leonard David Ward

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Leonard suffered from a rare muscle degenerating disease (Polymyositis) for many years that hindered his quality of life. His body finally said enough. Leonard was born and raised in the Wenatchee Valley. He graduated from Wenatchee High School and Wenatchee Valley College. He spent at least 30 years working Construction in Alaska, including five years working on the Alaskan Pipeline. His passion was Nascar Racing and antique vehicles. He raced short track racing for at least 25 years in Alaska and has a huge container of Trophy's. Leonard was voted the most popular race driver for several years. He moved back to East Wenatchee in the early 80's and owned and ran the family farm. He started back in construction and helped build several bridges throughout Washington and Oregon. He enjoyed buying and rebuilding old cars and had several. His two favorites were a '32 Ford 5 window that he worked on as a teenager with Verl Childress and later bought a '27 Roadster that he built. Leonard once said I have lived life to the fullest and enjoyed it all.

Leonard was preceded in death by his mother and father, Arlie M. and Irene Ward; brother Arlie Ward and sister Evelyn Archer. He leaves behind three

daughters, Aleta Breeze (Bill) of Portland, OR, Michelle Haynes (Steve) of Eagle River, AK and Elizabeth Baxter of Ephrata; his brother, Charles Ward of Fairbanks, AK; his sister, Nancy Thompson of East Wenatchee; special friend, Faye Wilson; grandchildren, Justin Breeze, Brittany Jackman, Sarah Haynes, Weston Haynes, Chloe Albrecht; and great-grandchildren, Macy and Tyler Jackman.

A Graveside Service for Leonard will begin 11:00 a.m. Monday, August 26, 2013, at Evergreen Memorial Park in East Wenatchee, with a reception to follow at Kirby Billingsley Hydro Park, East Wenatchee WA. Arrangements are by Telford's Chapel of the Valley, East Wenatchee, WA.

# Tribute Wall

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“ I watched Leonard Ward race 1/4 mile dirt track in Fairbanks for many seasons. Leonard was my favorite. It seemed to always be a battle between him and Denny Larson. I have taken up modeling in my near retirement and would love to recreate his car and Larsen's coming to the checkered flag. I was looking online for photos when I found this site and decided to share my memory. I f you have any photos you would be willing to share, please email me at drrobertson@live.com. God bless you. David Robertson

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