



Mearl Bergren

September 4, 1939 - November 23, 2023

On November 23, 2023, Thanksgiving day, we learned the true meaning of “Thanksgiving”. Our Papa got his angel wings that day. It was a shock for us, but a blessing for him. We are so thankful to have had this wonderful man as our leader and Papa. We miss him like crazy, but celebrate his arrival to his forever home, where he awaits our arrival there someday too.

Mearl Bergren was born September 4, 1939, to Gus and Elva Bergren in Leavenworth, WA. He lived his whole life there and loved every minute of it. An avid fisherman and outdoorsman, he thrived and bloomed where he was planted. He was the youngest of eight children and somehow always kept the zest for fun and adventure within him his entire life. He graduated from Leavenworth High School, in 1957. During his high school years, he was proven to be somewhat of an “adrenaline junkie” as he ski jumped and had a speed boat. Both of which certainly took a lot of courage.

Immediately after high school, he enlisted in the U.S. Army. He got his pilot's license during his time in the service since he was an airplane mechanic, which only seemed fitting. During his last few months in the Army, he went on a blind date and, unbeknownst to him at that time, met his one and only future wife, Phyllis Mullins. After his honorable discharge, he went back home to Washington State and Phyllis stayed behind in Arizona. They stay in contact by mail. (Boy, times sure have changed!) He proposed through a letter in the

mail and she said, "YES"! They were married on March 22, 1965. They made their life in Leavenworth, Peshastin, and Cashmere communities. They had three children: Art, Liz, and Kari. Their lives were filled with adventures only few could imagine. Not fancy trips or expensive things but hiking, camping, and fishing in the most beautiful places God made. It sometimes took some work to get there, but it was ALWAYS worth it! Just like our journey towards heaven!

Mearl, loving outdoors, always had jobs that were outside, where he was the happiest. He was a heavy equipment operator for the Peshastin Mill, on avalanche control for Steven's Pass and the U.S. Highway Department and eventually owned and operated Bergren Excavation until his retirement. He loved what he did. Mearl reconnected with his classmates and lifelong friend, Sandy Reiman, this past year and their adventures took them to places they so enjoyed together. Sandy put the sunshine back in his life. We loved that for them.

Mearl and Phyllis were members of the Cashmere Church of Christ and loved their "family" there. Mearl was preceded in death by his wife of 57 years, Phyllis; parents: Gus and Elva; brothers: Harry, Dave and Alf; sisters: Margo, Pat, and Liz. He is survived by his brother, Carl (Sheila) Bergren; children: Art (Pam) Page, Liz (Geno) Edmunds, and Kari Wolcott; grandchildren: Jarryd, Lindsey, and Dylan Page, Cory and Cyd Edmunds, Brandin and Blake Wolcott; six great-grandchildren; special friend, Sandy Reiman, and her family.

A Service of Celebration of Mearl's Life will be held at King's Orchard Church of Christ, 1610 Orchard Ave, Wenatchee, WA, 98801, on January 13, 2024, at 1:00 p.m.

Mearl touched so many lives and all who knew him loved him. Please come, share stories and share a wonderful meal provided by the Cashmere Church

ladies. Carl Wilmore presiding.

Arrangements in the care of Chapel of the Valley, East Wenatchee, WA.

Previous Events

Service

JAN 13. 1:00 PM (PT)

King's Orchard Church Of Christ
1610 Orchard Ave
Wenatchee, WA 98801

Tribute Wall

BF

“ *Cathy and I and the kids went camping with Mearl and Phyllis a couple times. Wonderful couple. So full of life. We would gather yellow delicious apples from his trees in his yard. Very giving and loving. We will miss him but will see him in the future. Brent and Cathy Flannery*

Brent Flannery - December 14, 2023 at 02:32 PM

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Mom and dad loved you guys! They are awaiting the great reunion someday. Thanks for loving them too! ❤️🙏

Elizabeth Edmunds - December 15, 2023 at 12:00 PM

BF

“ *Mearl was like an older brother to me. He taught me so much about life and the pursuit of happiness by appreciating nature. We shared many adventures of hiking and fishing. The lakes of the Icicle drainage were visited many times. I got to go rattlesnake hunting, hiking goat trails, high lakes trout fishing, and multiple perch fishing trips. He was a fix-it master, if someone had put something together, you should be able to take it apart and put it back together.*

He loved life and the people in his life. I miss him so much but my life is so full by being allowed to know him.

Bob Foster - December 13, 2023 at 12:56 PM

EE

He adored you Bobby. He'd brag about talking with you and loved catching up. Thanks for the great comments. All 110% true! Love you! ❤️🙏

Elizabeth Edmunds - December 15, 2023 at 12:03 PM