



Thomas W. Pratt

May 4, 1938 - March 17, 2014

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East Wenatchee, WA

Thomas W. "Tom" Pratt, 75, of East Wenatchee, WA, passed away Monday, March 17, 2014. Tom was born May 4, 1938, in Lewisburg, TN. Tom moved to East Wenatchee with his parents, Lester and Fronia Pratt, in 1940. Tom was the youngest of six children. He attended local schools and joined the Air Force in 1957, where he served as an airplane mechanic and was honorably discharged in 1961. He went on to become a warehouse mechanic at Hi-line Fruit Co., which merged with Skookum, Inc. and again merged with Blue Bird Fruit. Tom married Edith I. (Hayes) Pratt on November 23, 1983, who was his biggest fan in life and encouraged his love for race car driving. He spent many years at the Wenatchee Valley Raceway, where he captured many a trophy; at one point, race promoters offered a bounty for whoever could beat him in his number "81" car to the finish line of the street stock main event. Tom retired in 2001, and found that he enjoyed painting landscapes. It didn't seem to matter what the canvas was, he would paint on it. Tom was a big animal lover and always enjoyed the company of his dogs and birds. He especially loved his parrot, "Charlie."

Tom leaves behind his wife and best friend, Edith; six children, Mike (Jenny)

Pratt of East Wenatchee, Steve (Terri) Pratt of Spokane, WA, Stacy (Steve) Cook of Carnation, WA, Judy Van Norman of Tacoma, WA, David Boyd of Elko, NV and Joni Voss of East Wenatchee; and many grandchildren, great-grandchildren, nieces, nephews and close friends. He was preceded in death by his parents, three sisters and two brothers.

Thank you, Blossom Creek Memory Care, for being Tom's home away from home.

A Celebration of Tom's Life will be held Tuesday, March 25, 2014, at 1:30 p.m. at St. Paul's Lutheran Church, 312 Palouse Street in Wenatchee. Reception to follow. Suggested memorial donations to Alzheimer's Society or Central Washington Hospice. Arrangements are by Telford's Chapel of the Valley.