



## Wayne Davis Harsh

March 4, 1938 - December 31, 2017

Wayne was born in Sullivan, IL, in 1938. Later, the family moved to Wenatchee, WA, where Wayne graduated from Wenatchee High School in 1955. He entered the U.S. Naval Cadet flying program, where he trained to be a Naval Aviator. He was honorably discharged in 1958.

Wayne worked as an apprentice carpenter on the Rocky Reach Dam for a couple years, prior to joining up with the Washington State Patrol. He began working for the Washington State Patrol in July of 1959, spending a few years in support roles until the day he was commissioned in 1963. Wayne served as a Trooper until the early 1970's, where he began promoting through the ranks until he retired in July 7, 1986, as a Captain, serving as commander of the Traffic Investigation Division in Olympia, WA. Wayne returned to the agency in 1990, and served another seven years in a civilian role. He spent a total of 35 years with the Washington State Patrol family.

In his spare time, Wayne loved to travel with Marilyn, in their recreational vehicle. He loved flying kites, geo-caching, having coffee with his buddies, and playing poker with his friends at the Wenatchee Senior Center. In 2008, Wayne and Marilyn moved back to their childhood home of Wenatchee, to be

close

to extended family and friends.

Wayne was preceded in death by Marilyn, his wife of 55 years; brother, Jim; and grandsons: Tyson and Kale. He is survived by his sisters: Judy Knemeyer and Charlotte Ruble of East Wenatchee, WA; daughter, Kelly; sons: David and Gary; granddaughters: Crystal, Kylie, Kayla, Danielle, and Taylor; grandsons: Davis and Nicholas; and great-granddaughters: Samantha and Iris.

There will be no public services, however, there will be a private Celebration of Life with his family and friends. Arrangements are by Chapel of the Valley, Wenatchee, WA.

# Tribute Wall

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“ Just learned that Wayne (Harsh in Navy language) had passed away. Wayne was one of my best

friends when we were in boot camp in San Diego, at Los Alamitos, Calif., then in flight training

in Pensacola, Fla and Memphis, Tennessee. We have kept in touch through the years after and I was

well acquainted with Wayne's wife Marlyn and knew of the family. The picture I have uploaded is of Manny Gomez, a buddy from Massachusetts, Wayne, and Stewart Hayes. We lost Stewart Hayes in a mid-air collision accident while at Whiting Field near Milton, Florida.

Wayne will be missed by me.

Sincerely,

Bill Holmes

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