



Lester "Cub" John Baer

November 21, 1920 - November 4, 2016

Lester "Cub" J. Baer, Lt. Col. (Ret.) USAF, 95, a resident of Moses Lake since 1970 passed away Friday, November 4, 2016 at Samaritan Hospital, his family at his side. Cub was born in Dubuque, Iowa on November 21, 1920, son of Bernard and Cecilia "Honey" (Grosstick) Baer.

He was a decorated Army Air Corps USAF B-24 pilot in WWII, Korean War, Cuban Crisis and the Vietnam Conflict. On July 23, 1954 he married Camilla and she followed him in his various military assignments until moving back to Moses Lake in 1970. Cub was a member of the American Legion, V.F.W. and N.R.A.

He had a sense of humor and generous gentlemanly values. He was a loving husband to Camilla, a loving father to Shelley, Lee and Connie. He was always there when he was needed and a man you would want by your side in peace or conflict, in times of hardship or plenty. Our loss is Heaven's gain. Take care, Cub. You are now in the loving arms of your family who went before you.

Jimmy Stewart (bomber pilot and actor) wrote about Lester in a book he published "Jimmy Stewart" Bomber Pilot. Pages 132 and 133 tell a story of Lester and is posted on this website where you can read the accounting.

Survivors include his son, Lee H. Baer and daughter, Shelley A. Baer; grandchildren, Jada, Jasmyn, Lester, Dawn, Justin, Heather and Gabrielle; numerous great and great-great grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his wife, Camilla and daughter, Connie.

Comments



“ I miss you so much. My favorite memories start from when I was 9 and I would come visit every summer to see Aunt Shelley, Grandma Camilla and you. My favorite memories were your stories. The tour you gave me ever visit of Moses Gulch. You're my hero. And I miss you



Alicia Cass - December 19, 2020 at 10:19 PM



“ One would think being in a family for 30 yrs. that I would have have a lot of memories, but I don't : (My memories of the first and only time I met you happened at year 28 when we flew up for Thanksgiving 2014. We drove up to your place with Lee and you let us all, even the kids crash at your place. KFC was waiting for us. We watched the home movies over those few days. Had Thanksgiving dinner, to which I wish there were many more. You even put up with the toddler who puked all over your house for some reason and you n I trying to get the stuff in the washer. Last, but not least, we ended the visit with a trip to your breakfast place, to which you took the tab. The only other memories I have will have to come from my kids who got to see you a bit more often and am honored to have been able to pass on the name of Lester John Baer in my L.J III

Semper Fi



Juliana Baer - November 07, 2016 at 10:50 AM



“ Shelley,I saw in today Grant County Journal that your Dad passed away.I wanted to extend my condolences to you and the family. I met your Dad over his old dog when it got hit on Hwy 17, I felt so sorry for him. He was a very nice man,and he was a pleasure to get acquainted with, I'm sure he left behind alot of treasured memories. Love and prayers to you and the family. Rosie Cegnar

Rosie Cegnar - November 08, 2016 at 10:03 PM



“ Shelly I am so sorry to hear about your dad he was such a sweetheart I know you were close to him and did so much with him, Be happy he is with your mom and you have so m any happy memories of times spent

Donna Anderson - November 06, 2016 at 04:58 PM



“ Clearly Uncle Cub greatly valued family. He generously funded our first family reunion which was a wonderful time to reconnect and started a new family tradition. My love to Shelley and Lee and their families.

Tani Lindquist - November 06, 2016 at 10:59 AM



“ He was everyone's hero. One of my favorite things to do was listen to his stories listen to his little quirky sayings. Grandpa loved the outdoors he loved his morning walks he loved eating out. And taking family on a tour of what he called Moses Gultch. Grandpa wasn't big into surprised company but I did it anyway. I loved seeing the look on his face. There are no words I can express how much he will be missed. I have many amazing memories for my summers there. Between Grandpa Cub and Grandma Camilla and Aunt Shelly. I have so many beautiful memories. I will miss you Grandpa and love you. You were a great husband great father grandfather a great grandfather and even a great great grandfather. I love you.



Alicia Cass - November 06, 2016 at 10:57 AM



“ I'm sorry for your loss. I know he meant the world to you. I'm glad that Leena and Kendall had time to get to know him though. Ya'll are in my thoughts.

Susan Tassin-Onkst - November 06, 2016 at 06:03 AM



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Leena Baer - November 05, 2016 at 10:04 PM



“ Every time I went to visit grandpa Cub we watched The music Man. I know that movie by heart because of him and I'm so blessed to have those memories. I love you grandpa Cub

Leena Baer - November 05, 2016 at 10:03 PM



“ Girl child will miss her grandpa cub. I am happy that my girls got to meet you and hear your stories. It never mattered how many times I heard them, they were always fascinating.

Heather Nevison - November 05, 2016 at 09:34 PM



“ I remember being real little when he went hunting for pheseant, and remember him cleaning them in the kitchen like it was yesterday, and every once in awhile, I can still smell it.



Richard Rosendahl - November 05, 2016 at 07:48 PM



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Kayser's Chapel - November 05, 2016 at 12:24 PM