



## Carl Ardean Barr

May 30, 1934 - October 15, 2024

Carl Ardean Barr, 90, of Desert Aire passed away Tuesday, October 15, in Wenatchee.

His mother, Lucille A. and father, Carl A. welcomed their son on May 30, 1934 in a two-room house in Polson, Montana. At just two-weeks old, his mother hired babysitters while they worked their truck garden selling produce to the local cannery. His family moved around as his father also worked at felling trees with his Uncle Ray. At one point they lived in Bremerton, where Carl watched the repairing of the Puget Sound Naval Ship for combat.

His family was very poor, without running water, using an outhouse and using their coats for blankets. Despite that, his parents helped others who came to them. As a teen, Carl literally walked barefoot to school (we have not confirmed whether it was also uphill...). His classmates gave him shoes, though, something Carl confessed both embarrassed and humbled him, no doubt contributing to his tender heart for others.

In 1951, immediately after graduating from Marlin High School, Carl enlisted in the U.S. Navy, joining the ranks of his heroes. He lied about his age and could not swim. As an Electrician's Mate serving aboard the U.S.S. Andromeda AKA-15, the U.S.S. Fort Marion LSD-22 and the LST-825, Carl traveled the world before discharge in 1955 as a 2nd Class Petty Officer Electrician's Mate. Carl was proud to serve in the Korean War and travelled to Washington D.C. as part of the Honor Guard in 2019 with his son Ray, a Navy Petty Officer.

He attended Ohio University (BS Electrical Engineering), serving as the State President and Student Chapter President for the Ohio Society of Professional Engineers. In 1963, he joined Grant County PUD as an Electrical Engineer for the Priest Rapids Project. While working, he attended WSU (MS Electrical Engineering). He was awarded the "William T. Elmgren" award for Outstanding Community Service by the Washington PUD Association and was elected Grant County PUD Commissioner, serving from 1990-1996.

Carl was a Scoutmaster, a City Councilman, Mayor, Volunteer Fireman, Pastor, and the first EMT in Mattawa, teaching others CPR. After retirement, he was the Rotary President with the Moses Lake Chapter, travelling to Mexico three times on their behalf.

Carl had a heart for serving others, stemming from his heart for serving his Savior, Jesus. He was profoundly grateful for the forgiveness offered him and the opportunity to reflect back the love of Jesus to others. Carl spent his final years at Regency in Wenatchee, leading Bible studies and praying with the other residents. The final day of his earthly life, a stunning parade of residents requested time to say goodbye to Carl. It is an understatement to say he was loved and loved well.

Carl is survived by his wife of 38 years, Janice, sister Dolores (Jesse) Knopp, half-brothers Ken Forland and David Forland, half-sisters Sandi (Tim) Vander Does and Barb (Tom) Hunstad, children Donna (Jamie) Jamison, Robert (Felicia) Barr, Raymond (Crystal) Barr, Deana (Jeff) Long, Jon (Karen) Barr, his step-children Michael (Katie) Cagle and Karen Reck, 29 grandchildren and 25 great-grandchildren.

Carl was preceded in death by his parents Carl A. and Lucille, stepmother Betty Barr, sister Shirley (Don) Hanson, brother Jerry Barr and half-brother Jim Forland, step-sister Betty Jolly James and step-son Roger Cagle.

The family would welcome the opportunity to share our memories with you. Viewing will be at the Moses Lake Presbyterian Church on Friday, October 25, 2024 at 10:30 a.m., followed at 11 a.m. by a Celebration of Life. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the Rotary Club of Moses Lake in Carl's

honor.

# Cemetery Details

## Washington State Veterans Cemetery

21702 W. Espanola Road  
Medical Lake, WA

# Previous Events

## Visitation

OCT **25**. 10:30 AM - 11:00 AM (PT)

Moses Lake Presbyterian Church  
1142 W. Ivy  
Moses Lake, WA

## Celebration of Life

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# Tribute Wall

LG

“ I love your Carl. Thank you for being the incredible man you were. It was an honor to be your daughter in law.

Linda Goodman - April 16, 2025 at 03:59 PM

SB

“ I am so sorry to learn of Carl's passing. He was a good man and he always had a ready smile and a happy greeting. He will be missed by all who knew him.

Sadly, we will not be able to attend the memorial service because we are recovering from COVID. I will hold you in my thoughts.

Jan, you and your family are in my heart and in my prayers. God Bless you and keep you safe. Love, Shannon Behrens

Shannon Behrens - October 25, 2024 at 05:08 PM

SS

“ Sherry S. purchased a sympathy card for the family of Carl Ardean Barr.



Sherry S. - October 25, 2024 at 01:51 PM

JD

“ Carl Ardean, I grew up calling him Ardean, he lived with us when he was a teenager in high school. He was my mothers brother. I remember him carring me on his shoulders as a little girl, I thought he was Superman. He was fun and when he went off to Korean War after high school he brought me home a pretty Korean jacket, I wore it all the time did not want to give it up when I grew out of it. I loved him very much.

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**Jeanne Dobson** - October 25, 2024 at 12:45 PM