



Dwight Allan Teitzel

February 4, 1944 - July 30, 2022

Dwight Allan Teitzel died at his home of a heart attack on July 30, 2022. He was 78 years old.

Dwight was born on February 4, 1944. He was raised on a blueberry farm in Puyallup, WA where he lived with his parents Herman and Ruth Teitzel and brothers David and Gilbert. It was here that Dwight developed a great work-ethic and love for the outdoors, which also included bee-keeping. Dwight graduated from Puyallup High School in 1962. After working for a couple of years, he attended Olympic College where he received his AA degree in 1966. Dwight then went to Central Washington State College where he earned a BA in Education in 1968. It is here that Dwight met the love of his life, and wife to be, Patricia Clem. Dwight and Pat were married on August 17, 1968 at Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Enumclaw, WA. They then moved to Moses Lake, WA where Dwight got a job teaching English and Driver's Education at Moses Lake High School, home of the Chiefs, for 42 years (1968-2010).

Dwight was a dedicated teacher who cared about his students. Evidenced by when he once invited a nurse into his class to explain the workings of a kidney machine. There was a boy in the class whose sister was on chronic dialysis, after class the young man thanked the nurse and Mr. Teitzel profusely, as he learned that his sister could live a normal life regardless. Dwight was proud to be a teacher and greatly enjoyed his time with his students in the classroom and on the road as their Drivers Ed instructor.

When Pat's parents, Frank and Vera Clem moved to Moses Lake after retiring,

Dwight enjoyed their company, visiting them often. He went fishing with Frank and also took Frank and Vera to church on many a Sunday once they were unable to drive. As Frank and Vera grew older, Dwight looked in on them often, lending a hand wherever he could. Dwight was a skilled craftsman when it came to woodworking. He had a lot of fun making wooden toys (cars, trucks, trains, etc.) with Clyde Carpenter. He and Clyde would sell their toys at Christmas bazaars and holiday fairs and sometimes Pat and Vera would have fun assisting them. Making wooden toys was a favorite hobby of Dwight's. He greatly enjoyed his friendship with Clyde, and also watching the delight on customers faces as they played with the toys they made. Dwight and Pat were also avid dog lovers and greatly enjoyed the companionship of several German Sheperds throughout their married years.

Dwight was a very caring husband, and as such, cared for Pat day and night when she fell seriously ill with her ongoing battle with cancer. Dwight would tell you that being married to Pat was his greatest joy! Dwight and Pat were married for 53 years.

Dwight is preceded in death by his parents Herman Frederick Teitzel and Ruth Virginia Teitzel (Hill), brother David E. Teitzel, brother Gilbert E. Teitzel, nephew Russell K. Teitzel, nephew Richard S. Teitzel, niece Becky Teitzel Issacson, and nephew Kevin B. Teitzel.

Dwight is survived by his wife Patricia Jean Teitzel (Clem), his sister-in-law Charlotte Teitzel (McConnell), nephew David L. Teitzel (Kathy) and their children Elizabeth Wilbur and Julia Miller, nephew Charles S. Teitzel (Alice) and their children Jenny Oliver, Kimberly DeLoach, Charles Teitzel, niece-n-law Leila Teitzel and great-niece Erika Tifold, great-nephew Richard T. Teitzel and great-nephew Robby L. Teitzel and sisiter-n-law Mary Olmstead Teitzel and nephew Mark Teitzel, and nephew Brian Teitzel (LouAnne), also by sister-n-law Carole Clem Sfondouris and her children George (Rena), Angela, and Frank, brother-n-law Jim Clem (Annette) and their two sons Zachary (Julia) and Jacob (Jonna, significant other), and brother-n-law Jess Clem.

Previous Events

Memorial Service

NOV 12. 1:00 PM (PT)

Kayser's Chapel of Memories
831 S. Pioneer Way
Moses Lake, WA

Tribute Wall

WS

“ Dwight and I attended school together from kindergarten through high school graduation.
I worked for his dad in the blueberry's after school and through the summers until about 1960.
Dwight was a good friend through the school years. I lost track of him after my time during the Vietnam war.
Thanks for being a friend.
Wayne Stott

wayne stott - August 12, 2024 at 01:55 PM



“ Michelle McKinlay Smith lit a candle in memory of Dwight Teitzel



Michelle McKinlay Smith - June 03, 2023 at 12:20 AM

CO

“ Mr. Teitzel was my high school teacher and was always kind. I remember him always coming into Ernie's with his lotto tickets and scratchers . You will be missed 🌸🙏

corina - November 11, 2022 at 09:40 AM

AN

“ *Mr. Teitzel was my drivers Ed teacher he was a very kind man his wife Pat was my keyboards teacher at BBCC also a very kind supervisor. I can say I saw Dwight offend at Safeway picking up items and talked with him about Pat and the love he had for her was obvious. May God’s light shine spoon your face. God bless your family*

Annemarie - November 09, 2022 at 10:34 AM

TA

“ *Trina Alfaro lit a candle in memory of Dwight Teitzel*



Trina Alfaro - November 08, 2022 at 07:46 PM

M7

“ *Dwight & Pat Teitzel we’re true Angels on earth. The ML community is a better place because of them.*

Martin H - MLHS 78 - November 07, 2022 at 06:22 PM

RL

“ *Mr. Tietzel was a fantastic teacher and role model for the youth of ML. He will be missed.*

Ron Lancaster - November 03, 2022 at 07:23 PM

HE

“ *Mr. Tietzel was one of my favorite teachers. He had a sneaky wit that I appreciated and a caring spirit. I have seen him in town through the years and he always ended our conversation with " I am proud of you, kiddo."*

Thank you, Mr. T for making an impact in my life.

Heather - November 02, 2022 at 10:27 PM

WW

“ *Wendy W. lit a candle in memory of Dwight Teitzel*



Wendy W. - November 02, 2022 at 09:02 PM

BG

“ *My father signed me up for 5 a.m. driver's ed in the winter. All my memories are tied to dark skies, sunrises, and icy roads. Mr. Teitzel was patient and unflappable with all his students. He took care to instruct every detail. Thank you for teaching me to be a safe driver, especially in wintry weather. You were awesome!*

Brenda Grigg - November 02, 2022 at 07:57 PM