



Fredrick W. Holtz

February 4, 1920 - March 11, 2014

Fredrick W. Holtz, a longtime Moses Lake resident, passed peacefully at his home on March 11, 2014. He turned 94 on February 4th. For years, Fred was a familiar friendly face around Moses Lake, with his fit Jack LaLanne physique, big laugh, and no-nonsense personality.

Fred is survived by his wife Jackie Holtz, Moses Lake; two daughters and their husbands, Carmen (Steve) Pfeifer, Soap Lake and Lynn (Michael) Logan, Mill Creek, WA; one son and daughter-in-law, Larry (Jill Arnel) Holtz, Portland, OR; 12 grandchildren and 9 great grandchildren.

Fred was born in Barron, in upper Wisconsin, to Fred and Winifred (Hand) Holtz. After high school, he attended aircraft school in Los Angeles, meeting his best friend John Bandli. Fred and John moved to Seattle to work at Boeing. In 1942, Fred switched to his long career with Pacific Northwest Bell Telephone Co. where he met his wife Betty. During World War II, he served in the army as a meteorologist.

In the 1950s, when TV was new, Fred frequently set up long distance video links over the Cascade Mountains to bring live sporting events from New York to Seattle. He loved the Columbia Basin for its climate and beauty, so he transferred his phone company job, moving the family to Moses Lake. Fred introduced Betty and the kids to hunting and fishing, sand dunes, water skiing in the summer, and ice skating in the winter.

Several years after Betty's death in 1965, Fred met Jackie, another wonderful fellow phone company employee. They married and led active happy lives

together enjoying many golden sunsets on the lake until his recent passing. Fred and Jackie enjoyed bowling and square-dancing with friends. Fred, an accomplished electronics technician, inspired his son Larry to take up radio broadcasting in Seattle and Portland.

The family would like to extend special thanks to Touch of Love, especially Megan and her family, for the special care and love they extended to Fred during his last few months. Their support and encouragement has been amazing!

A private memorial service for Fred will be held in Moses Lake on March 29th.

Tribute Wall

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“ I miss you everyday!! You were such a wonderful man and the best grandpa a granddaughter could ever ask for!! I have so many wonderful memories with you and will always cherish them. I'm so lucky to call you my grandpa!! I love you to the moon and back and can't wait to get a bear hug from you again!!! I love you!!
Lecy

Lecy Burns - March 14, 2014 at 05:02 PM

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“ We knew Fred from the early 70's as my late wife Lori worked at Ma Bell in Ephrata with him and Jackie . He was a wonderful freind to both of us.He always would greet you with a smile no matter how the day was going for him.It would always ask us if we had the world problems fixed yet. He had a nick name for everyone who was in politics from the city people to the president no matter who was in office.I will miss him, we will miss him.
Goodbye old friend.
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Bob Montgomery - March 13, 2014 at 05:40 PM