



## Gerald John Haberman

November 29, 1927 - December 2, 2009

Gerald John Haberman, Moses Lake resident, passed away on the morning of Wednesday, December 2, 2009. Gerald was born on 11/29/27, in Gregory, South Dakota, son of the late Leonard and Mary Haberman. He was the eldest of six children and attended "country school" and worked on the family farm in Fordyce, Nebraska. He graduated from Cedar Catholic High School in Hartington, Nebraska. He served in the U.S. Army and was honorably discharged in 1945.

In 1952 he met Shirley Horton in Hastings, Nebraska and they married in 1953. Six children were born to this union: Greg, Susan, Angie, Daniel (Joe), Julie and Gerald John Jr. They made their home in Norfolk, then Hartington, then Hastings, NE. In 1962, the family moved to the Los Angeles, CA. area, where Gerald's two younger brothers, Dennis and Ronald, resided with their families. Gerald worked for U.S. Growers, a cold storage warehouse for 10 years, before moving the family to Vista, CA. where he worked for the school district in various capacities. In 1983, Gerald and Shirley moved to Wenatchee, WA, where three of their children resided. Gerald and Shirley lived in East Wenatchee for approximately twenty years. They were members of Holy Apostles Catholic Church and spent much time with their children and grandchildren. Gerald loved to be with family and especially enjoyed playing, teasing, and laughing with the grandchildren. Gerald was employed at Skookum fruit warehouse, where he helped operate the retail outlet known as "The Backporch". It was here that many people came to know him as the

friendly "appleman", as he was always offering customers a "taste test" of the various apple varieties before they decided to make a purchase.

He spent much of his spare time tending his "fantatstic" tomato garden and growing many varieties of plants and flowers. Gerald and Shirley would also take small excursions into the countryside to see the sights and enjoy a little fishing with family and friends.

In 2003, Gerald and Shirley celebrated 50 years of marriage. Shortly thereafter, they moved to Moses Lake, WA, to be close to family in order to help care for Shirley, who had been diagnosed with Transverse Myelitis.

Gerald was very involved with Shirley's care until he was diagnosed with colon cancer in 2007. He underwent aggressive treatment and was declared colon cancer free in 2008.

Gerald again did all he could to care for and support his wife Shirley. In February of 2009, he was diagnosed with terminal esophageal cancer. He fought a very brave battle and amazed many with his ability to endure. Gerald was a loyal and loving husband and father and will be missed by all who knew and loved him. We entrust his soul to Jesus Christ, the Divine Mercy.

He is survived by his loving wife of fifty-six years ,Shirley of Moses Lake; 2 sons: Joe of Moses Lake, Greg and wife Nona of Farmer, WA; 3 daughters: Susan and husband John of Mason, OH, Angie and husband Mark of Ollala, WA, Julie and husband Joe of Ephrata, WA., 16 grandchildren and 20 great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents: Leonard and Mary Haberman, and one son, Gerald

John Jr. The Holy Rosary will be prayed at 5:00 p.m. Sunday, December 6, 2009 at Kayser's Chapel of Memories in Moses Lake. Mass of Christian burial will be celebrated at 10:00 a.m. on Monday, December 7, 2009 at Our Lady of Fatima Catholic Church with Father Seamus Kerr as celebrant. Viewing will be held at Kayser's Chapel of Memories on Friday , Dec. 4, from noon until 5:00 p.m. and Saturday, Dec. 5, from 8:00 a.m. until noon. Internment will follow in Ephrata at the St. Rose of Lima Cemetery. Arrangements are in care of

Kayser's Chapel and Crematory, in Moses Lake. Please sign the online book or leave a note for the family at [www.kayserschapel.com](http://www.kayserschapel.com).

# Previous Events

## Visitation

DEC 4. 12:00 PM - 5:00 PM (PT)

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

## Visitation

DEC 5. 8:00 AM - 12:00 PM (PT)

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

## Service

DEC 6. 5:00 PM (PT)

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

## Service

DEC 7. 10:00 AM (PT)

Our Lady of Fatima Catholic Church (Mass of Christian Burial)  
200 N. Dale Rd  
Moses Lake, WA

# Tribute Wall



“ Sincere sympathy Joe for the loss of your father .##imported-begin##Theresa McGhuey##imported-end##

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December 10, 2009 at 10:59 PM



“ Our family has been blessed to live next door to Gerry, Shirley and Joe for the last 6 years. Gerry was always outside when it was nice, and was always up for a chat and there to put a smile on your face. He always had a funny joke to tell the kids or a tall tale. We love Gerry like extended family and will miss his smiling face very much. He was a true family man, devoting his time to care for his beautiful wife. He was blessed with a large and wonderful family. Our thoughts and prayers go out to the family and friends greiving. He is at peace now. Sincerely,Barbie##imported-begin##Barbie Johnson##imported-end##

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December 10, 2009 at 01:24 PM



“ Our sympathies and prayers go out to the Haberman family. We wish we could be there to help celebrate his life, but please know that our thoughts are with you.  
Dave, Renae, Nolan and Kamryn Zimmer  
Kearney, Ne##imported-begin##Dave and Renae Zimmer and Family##imported-end##

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December 07, 2009 at 08:29 AM



“ Dear Aunt Shirley and family, I still remember Uncle Jerry joking and playing with us kids. I always looked forward to seeing him because he was so much fun. I'll never forget that twinkle in his eyes. Gail (Pooter)###imported-begin##Gail Haberman###imported-end##

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December 05, 2009 at 06:15 PM



“ Leah and I wish to extent our sympathies to all of the family. We will forever miss uncle Jerry.

Our thoughts and prayers are with you all.  
God Bless

Mark and Leah Noecker###imported-begin##Mark & Leah Noecker###imported-end##

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December 05, 2009 at 04:52 PM



“ Dear family,  
i was saddened to read about Gerald in the paper..Gerald rode my bus to wenatchee for treatment. we so enjoyed visiting about both living in nebraska.  
he was a very nice man. he is now in our Father's loving arms.  
may God give you peace.  
Mary###imported-begin##mary davey###imported-end##

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December 05, 2009 at 02:36 AM



“ We never got to meet Gerald, but got to know him very well though Jennifer Odom, our beautiful daughter-in-law. Our thoughts and prayers are with the family in this time of loss and sadness. May the peace of our Lord comfort you at this time. God Bless!##imported-begin##Dexter & Judy Phelps##imported-end##

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December 04, 2009 at 11:50 PM



“ Dear Aunt Shirley and family,

*I remember "climbing" Uncle Jerry's legs as a youngster so I could flip over. We so looked forward to going to the "kids's" house... It was great fun.*

*With prayers for your comfort. May you find much joy in remembering this kind, loving and honorable man.*

*Linda##imported-begin##Linda Haberman Enwald##imported-end##*

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December 04, 2009 at 06:56 PM



“ Remembering happy times.##imported-begin##Dennis and Jeanie Haberman and family##imported-end##

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December 04, 2009 at 12:40 PM



“ Thoughts and prayers are with your family.

*Lisa Noecker (granddaughter of Doris Noecker)##imported-begin##Lisa Noecker##imported-end##*

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December 04, 2009 at 11:46 AM