



Kenneth W. Hill

June 28, 1927 - December 6, 2010

Kenneth W. Hill, 83, a longtime Moses Lake resident, passed away Monday, Dec. 6, 2010, at his lakeside home surrounded by his loving family. Funeral services will be held on Thursday, Dec. 9, at Kayser's Chapel followed by interment at the Guardian Angel's Cemetery, 2595 Road L N.E., Moses Lake. Please sign the book or leave a note for the family at www.kayserschapel.com Arrangements are in care of Kayser's Chapel & Crematory, Moses Lake.

Ken loved his family, his home and garden, and his work as an operating engineer.

He was a learned man whose formal education ended with eighth grade. He spent his teens during tough times working in the oilrigs of Texas. In 1947, after service in the Navy, he landed in Richland, WA, where he met and married Virginia A. Speight, who was the love of his life. As he often said, "It's the best thing I ever did."

As an operating engineer, Ken and Virginia moved to follow construction work, particularly in the years after they married. As the children started school, they built a permanent home in the Block 40 neighborhood of Moses Lake. But Ken often was away for work, which he accepted but hated.

He worked on many of the northwest's dams including Grand Coulee, Box

Canyon, and Chief Joseph. He took quiet pride in his role in bringing water to the Columbia Basin.

Ken was a contented man. Life started hard but gave him more than he'd expected. Asked what he'd do if he won a million dollars, he'd pause, sip his coffee in reflection and say, "Well . . . I might put in a swimming pool."

He was the ultimate craftsman. He built the family home on Block 40 and, later, other more spacious homes. He was a passionate reader and intensely curious man who developed a deep understanding of the wider world. He taught himself to play golf and loved moving from the course at Warden to a low-stakes poker game in the clubhouse.

He is survived by his wife, Virginia; three daughters: Linda Plattner, Karen Gill, Patty Hill-Voth; seven grandchildren: Jason Thompson, Arin Swinger, Ricky Gill, Danny Gill, Tiffany Cook, Cody Voth, and Candice Cook; and five great grandchildren.

Previous Events

Service

DEC 9. 1:00 PM (PT)

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

Tribute Wall



“ We'll miss you Kenny-you were one great guy and you and Jenny were wonderful neighbors.##imported-begin##Bill and Patsy Payne##imported-end##

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“ *Patty, Todd, Tiffany and Candace,*

I am so sorry for your loss. I know how close your family is and I am glad you have one another to lean on. Please let us know if there is anything we can do or if you just need to talk.

Love you,

Julie and Sean##imported-begin##Julie Frields##imported-end##

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“ *My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family Virginia. I have fond memories of Ed and Kenny working together on different projects and the good times we all had together. Just know that he is now at peace. Hugs, Ev##imported-begin##Evelyn Brown##imported-end##*

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