



## Leo C Gaddis

May 29, 1939 - March 22, 2018

On May 29th 1939 Leo Curtis Gaddis was born in Huggins, Missouri to Curtis and Jessie Gaddis. He was raised there until the age of seven when his mother and father moved to Walla Walla, Washington. Leo was a graduate of Walla Walla High School and began working in the dairy industry at the age of seventeen. Leo continued working in the dairy industry for the next thirty five years, which brought him to Moses Lake, Washington in 1962. Leo was preceded in death by his mother and father, his granddaughter Nicole R. Springen, his sister Louise Baney (husband Allen), his brother in law, Vernon White, and In Laws Jim and Ruth Sherman.

Leo is survived by his wife of over sixty years, Rochelle, his sister Leila White and his four children, Terri R. Zitka (husband Pete), Alana J. Frost (husband Michael), Jeffery "Dean" Gaddis (wife Jennifer), and Rick D. Gaddis. Brothers-in-Law, James Sherman (wife Doris), Steve Sherman (wife Magda) and families. Leo has fourteen grandchildren and twenty seven great-grand children and one great-great-grandchild. Leo was always loved by his cousins, uncles, aunts, friends and relatives.

Leo was very competitive and enjoyed many sports to include Team Roping, Bowling, Horseshoes, Motorcycle dirt bike racing, Softball and he coached little league for many years. Leo loved to play music, especially to his children. He recently played with the "Sentimental Journey" band. He helped organize jam sessions at the block forty building, where families, friends and children would get together and enjoy playing music and learning to dance. Leo always

enjoyed the outdoors, taking his children and friends fishing and hunting. Leo loved going to the mountains with his wife and family. Leo was a participating member and Elder of the church. Leo was always dedicated to his wife and his faith and instilled into his children the importance of God.

Most importantly, Leo was first and foremost a family man. Leo bought a small farm northeast of Moses Lake where he enjoyed raising his family. Leo and Rochelle raised their own four children and brought sixteen foster children into their small eight hundred square foot home throughout the years. This was until those children could be reunited with their families. Leo would also take in other families who were in need with open arms. Leo was a man who always had a smile on his face, a hug to give, a stern hand when needed, but most importantly a heart of love. He always made sure he was teaching us morals, values, and hard work. Leo's singing and guitar playing is a memory we will always carry in our hearts and we will miss dearly. We would give anything to hear him sing one more time.

Leo passed away March 22, 2018 and left behind a legacy.

# Tribute Wall

MP

“ Our lives have touched in so many ways, Chelle, and I know that you will miss Leo so much. My memories go back to Bible camp and John Russell and the beginning of your love of Leo. We send you our deepest sympathy and want you to know that God will bless you with the confidence that this is just the beginning not the end. All of us have confidence in the promises that God has given us. You will be in our thoughts and prayers. Love in Christ, Paul and Marian Piersall Abilene, Texas

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**Marian Piersall** - April 03, 2018 at 09:05 AM

EA

“ Although we have known Leo and Rochelle for only about 5 years since moving to Moses Lake, Leo treated us like we had known him for many more years. He was a gentle giant of a man with huge heart, dearest hug, fun sense of humor, and always a smile and positive spirit even while enduring much pain the last few years. He knew who he was in the sight of his Lord...no facade, pretentiousness, or nonsense. Blessings to his wonderful family, so precious to him. Our loss is heaven's gain, but we're sure to see him soon!  
Ed & Judy Allen

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**Edward Allen** - March 29, 2018 at 08:19 PM

MJ

“ I want to offer my condolences for the loss of Leo. What a wonderful and kind man. Please know that you are in my thoughts and prayers.

*Leo brought so much joy to everyone he was around. I will always remember how he loved his lord and savior.  
My heart aches for all of you.*

*I will remember Leo for his great love of babies! If there was a baby anywhere near him it didn't take him long to have that baby in his arms!*

*He was such a generous man. He didn't hesitate to cut wood numerous times for me after my husband passed.  
God bless you all at this time.*

*I will miss his wonderful laugh.*

*Mary Juchmes*

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**Mary Juchmes** - March 28, 2018 at 04:36 PM

MJ

“ *Mary Juchmes lit a candle in memory of Leo C Gaddis*



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**Mary Juchmes** - March 28, 2018 at 04:12 PM

BD

“ *Leo was a real pleasure to be around. He was a nice man and I'm going to miss visiting with him. Bill Dress*

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**Bill Dress** - March 28, 2018 at 12:05 PM

JD

“ *Gaddis family, so sorry to hear of your loss.  
God Bless you all.... JoAnne DeLaRosa*



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**JoAnne DeLaRosa** - March 27, 2018 at 05:38 PM

 Sharon  
Zornes

“ *Dear Gaddis Family  
Our hearts and prayers are with you. What a testimony of Christ this  
man exemplified! He truly gave his kids lessons in hard work and to  
love others as Christ loves. RIP dear man!  
Jeff and Sharon Zornes*

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**Sharon Zornes** - March 27, 2018 at 04:03 PM

LB

“ *I'm so sorry to hear of Leo's passing, but I know where he is now,  
and am looking forward to another one of his wonderful hugs and  
smiles one day.  
My love and prayers for comfort are with Rochelle and family.*

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**Laura L Bowles** - March 27, 2018 at 09:45 AM

PE

*Sad to hear, pretty sure we will see him in Heaven. Prayers for the  
family. Really enjoyed his music ,,love from Oepper*

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**Pepper** - March 27, 2018 at 03:49 PM

BP

“ *The thoughts of the Pennington Family are with Leo's Family. I was  
lucky enough to meet Leo one time and was very impressed.  
Bob Pennington*

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**Bob Pennington** - March 26, 2018 at 06:01 PM

DN

“ *Great Man, pleasure to work with. Very generous too.*

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**Don Ness** - March 26, 2018 at 12:10 PM

RM

“ *I always liked him. He was a man whom was honest, straight forward, and most of all loved his family. He will me missed not only by family but many others as well.*

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**Ray Moog** - March 26, 2018 at 10:57 AM



“ *Gaddis Family,  
I am so sorry to hear of Leo's passing, Leo was a great down to earth man what you saw is what he was, he loved his family whenever we saw him he would always fill us in on what was happening. I will miss running into him at the fair every day he was a special man .*



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**Donna Anderson** - March 24, 2018 at 06:53 PM

LK

“ Last night we lost a friend of over 40 years. Leo Gaddis was a great man in the true measure of men. No you won't hear about his passing on the news for like many great men he led a full life out of the lime light. He was a talented picker and singer, good enough to have been a star but he had a family to support, so he did. They worked hard but had fun, bought a small farm raised sheep and kids, their own and many many foster kids that needed a home. The kind of home where a cop could bring a sick starving baby in the middle of the night and know that every effort would be made to love and comfort that baby. While these chores mostly fell on his wife Chelle, Leo was the one that provided the resources and the family that allowed it to happen. I met him when he had trouble with coyotes killing his lambs in the small flock that helped pay for the acreage that they called home. It helped some but after I introduced Ardis to his family we became friends and shared so much. Leo, you will be missed but you did very well. Thank you for all the memories

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**Lowell Kenney** - March 24, 2018 at 03:38 PM

DH

“ Denise Hancock lit a candle in memory of Leo C Gaddis



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**Denise Hancock** - March 24, 2018 at 02:31 PM