



Murlen Jenson

June 24, 1926 - April 13, 2011

Murlen D. Jenson, 84, longtime Moses Lake resident passed away Wednesday, April 13, 2011 at Samaritan Hospital with his loving family at his side. A memorial service will be held at 11:00 a.m., Saturday, April 23, 2011 at the Moses Lake Alliance Church, 1100 N. Grape Drive with Pastor Jody Bowser and Pastor Kent Copley officiating. Inurnment will be in the Columbarium at Guarding Angels Cemetery, 2595 Road L. N.E., Moses Lake. Murlen D. Jenson was born on June 24, 1926 in Shafter California. He lived in the Shafter, Visalia, Bakersfield area, growing up, marrying, having his three children and farming until 1962 when he moved his family to Moses Lake. In his 80's, after losing his wife, Jimmie Jenson, he was reunited and married his First Grade classmate, Dona Senn.

Murlen had many loves in his life; family, farming, flying, traveling, snow skiing and fishing to name a few. When he moved to Moses Lake he started a new life of irrigation farming. Dad loved driving his John Deere tractors day after day tilling, planting and harvesting. Even after retiring from farming he still had to have a John Deere riding mower to mow his postage stamp sized lawn. He couldn't wait until the grass would grow long enough so he could get out there on his John Deere. During his farming years, traveling was always done in the winter months. It might have been a ski vacation or to a sunny destination, but it was always some place he hadn't been before. There were even trips in his private plane which was a great love of his. He learned to fly in the Navy and that bug stayed with him for years. After retiring he slowed his mode of

traveling down a bit to the motor home. This became a favorite way to see new sites; going across the nation, south to California and north to Alaska. Murlen was also very involved in the community participating in the Rotary Club, Director of Eastern Washington Bank and part owner of Green Acres Fertilizer Co.

Murlen is survived by his loving wife, Dona Senn-Jenson, his daughter, Terri Knopp and husband Ron; his son, Mike Jenson and wife Melody; his daughter Cathy Broberg and husband Mike. Grandchildren: Curt Knopp, Craig Knopp, Michael & Helen Jenson, Dorothy & Joe Bridger, Tyler Mallory, Brittany Rodgers, Austin Rodgers, Kayleen Broberg, Douglas Broberg. Great Grandchildren: Stacie Jenson, Jazmyn Jenson, Maveryk Jenson, Josiah Bridger, Jeremiah Bridger, Jaden Snyder.

Donations may be sent to FRAXA Research Foundation, 45 Pleasant St., Newburyport MA 01950 or go online to www.fraxa.org FRAXA is a research organization studying Fragile X Syndrome. Three of Murlen's grandchildren are affected by Fragile X Syndrome.

Previous Events

Service

APR **23**. 11:00 AM (PT)

Moses Lake Alliance Church
1100 N. Grape Dr.
Moses Lake, WA

Tribute Wall



“ My condolences to all the family##imported-begin##Mike Shannon##imported-end##

April 25, 2011 at 01:50 PM



“ I am sorry to hear of Murlen's passing. He was a good friend and a good person. We went back many years. He will be missed by alot of people. May God rest his soul.

Regretts,

Tim Kenney##imported-begin##Tim Kenney##imported-end##

April 20, 2011 at 06:46 PM



“ Our family was one of the first to meet the Jenson family when they moved to Moses Lake. I have great memories of dinners together. We are thinking of the family during this time of loss. Gene & Bonnie##imported-begin##Gene & Bonnie Polhamus##imported-end##

April 18, 2011 at 03:42 PM



“ What a sad thing, to lose Murlen. Going to his and Dona's home to work for them was a delight. I always left cheered up and encouraged. He will be missed.##imported-begin##Clint Bridges##imported-end##

April 18, 2011 at 02:05 AM



“ To the Jenson family; We were so sorry to hear that Murlen passed away. What a fine man he was, and a first class gentleman!! His word was his bond. He was not only a good friend to us, but a wonderful customer, when we owned Paul's Equipment. It was a privilege to have known Murlen, during his earthly life. May it comfort you to know, that your loved one is safe in God's care, and that your friends are praying for you, during your time of sorrow!!
Sincerely, Cathy & Paul Kersey###imported-begin###Cathy & Paul Kersey###imported-end###

April 17, 2011 at 06:41 PM



“ Mike,
Sure sorry to hear of your Dad's passing. I had a tremendous amount of respect for Murlen and always thought of him as a first rate guy. There was only one Murlin and I will miss him.

My condolences,

Rich###imported-begin###Rich Swanson###imported-end###

April 16, 2011 at 12:14 PM



“ Our Love and Prayers###imported-begin###Fred & Shirley Rhodes###imported-end###

April 15, 2011 at 08:37 PM



“ Mike and Melody, Was greatly sadden to learn of Murlen's passing. Thinking back, I believe Murlen and I met probably 30+ years ago. I think of him as a gentle man, friendly and respectful. Loss of a parent is a tough emotional journey. May the Lord and Author of our Life surround you with his love and peace in the days ahead. God Bless you.##imported-begin##Vicki Groff##imported-end##

April 15, 2011 at 06:21 PM



“ Murlen was known as the “Butler”... it was our inside joke. He always had a sweet smile & we shared several laughs. Though it was brief, I for one am fortunate that I was allowed to be part of your life. You are now singing with the angels.##imported-begin##Barb Howard##imported-end##

April 15, 2011 at 05:52 PM



“ It was always such a pleasure to see Murlen pull into the station. He was more than a great customer. We always had a nice visit when he came in for gas or car repair. He was always interested in my family and our activities. He had the greatest smile and little giggle. He will be missed by all who knew him##imported-begin##David Hopkins##imported-end##

April 15, 2011 at 10:37 AM