



Clancy Holden

November 3, 1926 - January 6, 2016

The Mariners claimed an angel in the outfield on January 6, 2016. Clarence (Clancy) Ruben Holden went to sleep at 89 years of age, in Yakima, at the Crescent Health Care Center. His stubbornness, and summing up the courage to say “the hell with it”, he now goes home to his wife and his oldest daughter, for “the best damn chicken fried steak.”

Clancy was born in Zillah, WA on November 3, 1926. He was the oldest of five children born to Jake and Grace Holden. He attended the Zillah schools and graduated from high school in 1945, when he joined and served with the United States Army. When Clancy returned to Zillah, he started his career at Stokleys, in addition to Houghton Farms, from which he retired in 1985. During this time, Clancy served on the Zillah Fire Department for 28 years, he served the last 26 of those years as the Zillah fire chief.

On November 5, 1955 Clancy married Jerry (Margaret) Gorrebeeck. He and Jerry had seven children, whom they centered their lives around. He wanted life to be simple. A good recliner, a word search book, sports games, the game show network, and most importantly, the company of his family, made Clancy quite content. He had the privilege of watching his many grandchildren and great-grandchildren grow up around him. Clancy was blessed to live in his own home for almost all his years,

where he was visited daily, shared many meals, and was surrounded by his loved ones.

Clancy is survived by six of his children and their families, Rhonda Oswalt (Rick); Tammy Rico; Debbie Cauley (Shane); Paula Dasso (Lyn); Marcy Carl (Chuck); their one and only baby boy, Rick Holden (Cheri); in addition to his son-in-law, Zeke; along with brother, Donny Holden; special sister-in-law, Marlene Gorrebeeck; many grandchildren and great-grandchildren; and numerous nieces, nephews, and other relatives.

He was preceded in death by his beloved wife, Jerry; oldest daughter, Wanda; granddaughters, Amy and Jamie; an infant sister; and brothers, Vernon and Dean.

There will be a graveside service Saturday, January 9th at 1:00 at the Zillah Cemetery followed with a memorial lunch at the Warehouse Restaurant Event Center, at 705 Railroad Ave, Zillah, WA 98953. Please come, to share your memories and stories of Clancy, and to remember him for everything he brought to each of us.

The family is deeply grateful for the outpouring of the heart-felt love, prayers, and support they have received from too many to name individually; including Crescent Health Care. Thank you, family and friends, for your prayers, visits, and random acts of kindness.

In lieu of flowers, the family request memorial donations be made to Zillah High School Boosters: Memo Baseball Program, PO Box 1044, Zillah WA. 98953

Cemetery Details

City of Zillah

(509) 829-5151

Tribute Wall



“ *Clancy Holden*

October 05, 2023 at 11:22 AM



“ *Our condolences to the family for the loss of a great guy. Special hugs to Marcy, who was so kind to us coffee clutch good old boys over the years; and to Rick, who was such a great help as one of our newspaper distributors. Sorry for the loss of your dad. Jim Flint and Karen Spence*

Jim Flint - January 31, 2016 at 05:47 PM



“ *The Dassos lit a candle in memory of Clancy Holden*



The Dassos - January 08, 2016 at 10:07 PM