



Dean V Bergevin

October 9, 1922 - October 4, 2014

Dean Vern Bergevin passed from this earth Saturday, October 4, at Memorial Hospital. Dean was the youngest of the nine children of George and Deliza (Poulin) Bergevin and was born October 9, 1922. He had fond memories of being raised on the farm in Moxee and roaming the sagebrush hills on his horse Roni, baseball and boxing with his brother Stan, and spending time with his brother Kermit during Kermit's Game Warden duties.

As a youth Dean lost his sight in one eye but that did not stop him from wanting to join the Army Air Corps during World War II. Dean would visit the recruiting office every Friday until they finally relented and allowed him to enlist, a service that he was extremely proud of. In June of 1945 he came home on leave to marry Eva Mae Hiatt and she returned to California with him.

After the Army Air Corps Dean returned to CWSC to finish the degree in education that he had started before enlisting. Upon graduation he started his teaching career in Toppenish, where he would spend his entire career. He taught at Garfield Elementary, became principal of the then new Kirkwood Elementary, and eventually served as principal of both Kirkwood and the new Mt. Adams Elementary at the same time.

His wife Eva passed away in 1971. In 1972 he married Aleda (Lee) Irene Hoyt

(Filer). He retired in 1979 and spent as much time as possible at the family cabin at Bear Cove on Rimrock Lake or in his big vegetable garden at their home on Rowberry Way. He had many memorable fishing trips with friends and road trips with Aleda from Arizona to Alaska. He delighted in following the academic and athletic pursuits of his grandchildren and sharing the stories with one and all.

Dean is survived by his daughter Mary Lee Hall (Terry) of Tieton, son Ron Bergevin (Kristi) of Yakima, daughter Cheryl Clark of Tacoma, and son Lance Hoyt (Carol) of Toppenish, eight grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren. He is preceded in death by his wife Eva, his wife Aleda, and his sisters and brothers.

During his years in Toppenish, Dean was an active member of the Toppenish Lions Club and Toppenish Bowling League. He was an avid hunter and fisherman and a strong supporter of Toppenish school athletics at all levels, volunteering at everything from elementary school Junior Olympics to high school football. In retirement, Dean volunteered many hours working for the Toppenish Food Bank. He also discovered the poetry of Robert Service, eventually giving recitals of Service and cowboy poetry to various community groups.

A debt of gratitude is owed to the loving care given to Dean in his final years by the staff of Rexford Manor, Chesterley Meadows, Wynwood, Landmark Care Center, Summitview Health Care Center, and Memorial Hospital.

A graveside service at Zillah Cemetery will be held at 11:00 A.M. on Saturday, October 11, 2014. Viewing will be at Heggie's Colonial Funeral Home in Toppenish from 3 pm to 6 pm, Friday, October 10th.

The family suggests memorial gifts may be made to the Toppenish Flag

Committee or Toppenish Methodist Church. Friends can send condolences at www.toppenishfunerals.com. Colonial Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

Cemetery Details

City of Zillah

(509) 829-5151

Tribute Wall



“ *Dean V Bergevin*

October 05, 2023 at 11:22 AM



“ *We were saddened to hear of Dean's death. He will be missed and remembered by many educators. May loving memories help you to smile again.*

With sympathy,

Yakima County School Retirees' Association friends

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“ *Dean was a special man. I knew him when he lived at Rexford Manor, and attended Sunday afternoon church services that we provided there. He was knowledgeable about so many things, and was one of the most patriotic men I have ever known. We'll always remember his stories about the war. Sincere condolences to all of you who survive him and loved him! Barbara Beehler*

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“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Dean V Bergevin.*



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