



Duane N Sorensen

September 14, 1923 - October 23, 2016

Duane N. Sorensen (93) a longtime Toppenish resident passed away in Yakima on Sunday October 23, 2016. Duane was born in Genoa, NE on September 14, 1923 to Arthur and Myrtle (Larson) Sorensen. He was raised in Nebraska and moved to Salem, OR as a teenager with his family.

He served in the U.S. Army during WWII in the European Campaign. He was discharged in December 1945 and married LaVerna Schuh in Vancouver on April 24, 1946. He started working at Del Monte in Salem in 1946 and transferred to Toppenish in 1967 where he worked until retiring as plant superintendent in 1980.

He enjoyed building houses, playing golf at Mt. Adams Country Club where he was a member for many years, working on Faith Lutheran Church which he was a member and enjoying a cup of coffee with his friends.

Duane is survived by his wife of 70 years, LaVerna of Yakima; a son, Rod (Donna) Sorensen of Selah; a daughter, Barbara (Bob) Macias of Yakima; four grandsons and a sister, Lois (Dick) Hodges of Tacoma.

Visitation will be held on Friday October 28, 2016 from 1-4PM at Colonial Funeral Home. Funeral Services will be held at Faith Lutheran Church in Toppenish at 12PM Saturday October 29, 2016. Friends can send condolences at www.toppenishfunerals.com. Colonial Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

Cemetery Details

City of Toppenish

(509) 865-2080

Tribute Wall



“ *Duane N Sorensen*

October 05, 2023 at 11:22 AM



“ *Forty one years ago I was lucky enough to have married Duane's son, Rod, and join this wonderful family. Duane was such a blessing in our lives. He was kind, generous, smart, patient, witty and so much more. Above all else, he loved his family unconditionally. I'm thankful for the many projects he did for us; in particular, helping build an addition to our second home. I realize now, he gained so much joy from helping out his family. That....and he just loved to be busy and hang out with anyone he could BS with. I will always look back and fondly remember our family BBQ's at he and LaVerna's home...Duane sitting on the bench he made, cowboy hat on his head, beer in his hand, radio on to the Mariners while watching his grandsons and sharing story after story. Pure joy! Thanks for the memories.....they will give us great comfort. Rest in peace, dear father-in-law....you will forever be missed. Love you, Donna*

Donna Sorensen - October 27, 2016 at 09:15 PM



“ *Jane Berghoff lit a candle in memory of Duane N Sorensen*



Jane Berghoff - October 27, 2016 at 11:27 AM

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“ When I heard of Duane's passing, it hurt my heart. Later, I started remembering so many fond memories of this man, it made me smile . We were neighbors for many many years. He and Laverna had the "neatest" yard in the entire neighborhood! (not a weed or single blade of grass out of place). He watched my kids grow up, always the supporters of Toppenish sporting events, they were always there. I think my most favorite memory was watching him on his daily 5 mile walks. He would always stop by on his way home and could catch me up on EVERYTHING that was happening in our community or neighborhood.....in 10 minutes!!! 😊. I always enjoyed listening to his perspective on the current events. On the day my dad passed away, it was Duane who (in his little blue pickup) came driving down the street as I was waiting for my parents to arrive, but heard sirens close by instead. I prayed he would just drive by, but when he pulled into the driveway, I knew he had news, and it wouldn't be good news. He told me there had been an accident at Olney Park and, my parents were involved. Years later when the house and yard became too much work, Duane and Laverna decided to move to Yakima into assisted living. I got to visit with them again, and share in his 90th birthday celebration. He was blessed with a long life, and now, he's got a lot of " catching up" to do to find out what's been going on with everybody who he knew and had gone before him! RIP my special friend, see you again, and look forward to that visit!!! ❤️

Jane Berghoff - October 27, 2016 at 11:26 AM

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Thank you, Jane, for sharing such lovely memories of our dad. It is comforting to find out that not only will he be missed by his family, but by so many others who where fortunate enough to know him. God Bless.....Rod and Donna

Donna Sorensen - October 27, 2016 at 08:32 PM