



Gerald Shutz

May 27, 1926 - October 29, 2010

TOPPENISH - Our Daddy's long struggle with Parkinson's and other medical complications are over. He died Oct. 29th in Toppenish.

Gerald was born May 27, 1926, in Zillah, Washington to John and Ida (Braun) Schutz, they were Germans from Russia that came to this country and were farmers and made a good life for themselves raising a family and working hard in the lower valley. Gerald attended Zillah grade school and graduated Toppenish High Class in 1944. After school he joined the United States Army and fought in the Korean War. He was so proud of serving his country and all the awards he earned to keep our freedom.

Gerald married his only sweetheart Violet Marie (Smith) Clark and her three beautiful children, Linda Lee, Bobbie, and John on December 8, 1952. With love Daddy took on this new family and added two more Judy and Tammie. Dad worked many hours to make sure we had everything. He worked for PIE, Lee and Estes Trucking Company and retired from J.J. Williams Trucking Company as a sales person and dispatcher. He also worked after his regular truck driving shift driving for fruit warehouse companies and farming our 40 acres in the lower valley. Dad was proud to serve as a "Retired Teamsters President."

Oh my "God" my parents enjoyed their retirement. They had their motor home and their "wild and crazy" friends that traveled to every community function, Oktoberfest, fiddlers contest, the beach, you name it this "wild and crazy bunch" enjoyed it. Daddy and Mom had a good retirement life!!!

Gerald is survived by his wife, Violet, daughters, Linda Lee Winterholler, Judy (Terry) Johnson, Tammie Johnson, sons Robert Lee Clark, and John Wayne Clark.

Grandchildren-Teri Lynn (Dino) Pistorresi, Penie (Tracy) Ferguson, Robert Clark, Jr., Sandi Clark, John Clark, Jr., Shelly Clark, Jerry Clark, JW Clark, Jeffrey (Erica) Johnson, Joshua (Tricia) Johnson, Jeremy (Jennifer) Johnson, Melissa Johnson, Ryan Brandsen and April (Brian) Sonnenfeld.

“Great Papa” is also survived by 31 great grand children and 2 great-great grandchildren.

Gerald is survived by one brother Melvin (Delt) Schutz and a sister-in-law, Dolly Schutz.

Preceding Gerald in death are his parents John and Ida (Braun) Schutz, one twin brother Gene, little sister Alda, and his brother Ervin (Doc) Schutz. Son-in-law Kenny Winterholler, granddaughter Angela Kay Winterholler, grandson Michael Winterholler, daughter-in-law Karen (Kelly) Clark, grandsons Raymond and James Clark and also father-in-law Reo and Mayme (Davison) Clark.

Visitation will be on Tuesday, November 2 from 12-5 at Colonial Funeral Home. Celebration of “Gerald Schutz’s Life” will be Wednesday, November 3, 2010 at 1:00 p.m. at our church Faith Lutheran in Toppenish. Burial will be in the Zillah Cemetery. Please join us afterward for a gathering of friends and food. Instead of flowers the family suggests memorial contributions in Gerald’s name be made to Faith Lutheran Church.

Previous Events

Visitation

NOV 2. 12:00 PM - 5:00 PM (PT)

Colonial Funeral Home
228 S. Alder
Toppenish, WA

Service

NOV 3. 1:00 PM (PT)

Faith Lutheran Church
61800 State Route 97
Toppenish, WA

Tribute Wall



“ *Gerald Shutz*

October 05, 2023 at 11:22 AM



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Tom and I are in Hawaii in Maui. We just got here today and Gary sent us Jerry's obituary. We call him the grim reaper! We are so sorry to hear about Jerry. He was as close to being a brother to my dad as any of dad's friends, since dad had all sisters. They seemed to be a bad influence on each other, but they sure did know how to have a good time. They will both be missed a lot. We can't be there to celebrate his life, but have many fond memories. With Sympathy, Tom and Janet (One of Coyote's Youngins)##imported-begin##Tom and Janet Schoenleber##imported-end##

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