



Elmer D Gibbons

September 18, 1935 - October 17, 2017

Elmer D Gibbons, 82, of Medical Lake, WA went peacefully to the arms of his Lord and Savior on October 17, 2017.

Born in Pine City, WA to Ray and Beulah Gibbons, he graduated from Pine City High School as Valedictorian and went on to graduate from Washington State College with a Bachelor of Science in Agriculture. Following graduation from college Elmer was drafted into the United States Army.

Elmer married Jerene Appell on September 19, 1959. In 1960 he began working for the Washington State Department of Agriculture. Upon retirement from the State, he went to work for RR Warehouse as a Project Manager. Five years later he joined H & R Block as a Tax Preparer where he was employed for 21 years.

In July of 1997, he purchased a small farm west of Medical Lake to live his dream of farming. He enjoyed many hours of putting up hay, riding horses on the farm, and driving his team of draft horses at community and church events.

He is survived by his wife Jerene of 58 years, his sister Neva Henning, his children Sage and (Kathy) Gibbons and (Rob) and Jeanel Shipley, grandchildren Lori Webb, Chad Bliven, Jeanea Riddle, Alaina Akiona, 14

great-grandchildren, as well as numerous nieces, nephews, and a host of friends.

Memorial service to be held Sunday, November 5, 2017, at Cheney Faith Center, 200 N. 2nd Street, Cheney, WA 99004, at 2:00 PM. In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be made to Cheney Funeral Chapel, 1632 W. First St., Cheney, WA 99004. These funds will be used for a Home Mission project of Elmer's.

Tribute Wall

DW

“ I will always remember Elmer as one of the kindest, nicest men I have ever met. I knew him through working with Jerene. I pray for the family to be strong in the wonderful memories of him. Dona Wegner

Dona Wegner - November 06, 2017 at 11:29 AM

CL

“ Mr Elmer, having you as a neighbor and friend has been an honor. You were so giving and caring. I remember just saying I needed a stump to display flowers and next I know you and Sage delivered. I still can't believe how much you reminded me of my own uncle Elmer. You will be sorely missed by our little culdasac family and by me Rest in peace Mr Elmer and may you soar in the light of our loard.



Your Friend and neighbor Cathey Litts

Cathey Litts - November 05, 2017 at 01:38 AM

MD

“ Elmer was a special friend to me and our family. I met Elmer and his family in the fall of 1975. Over the next 3 1/2 years or so I came to appreciate Elmer as a friend, neighbor, a co-worker at the Eastern Washington Bible Camp, and especially as a Christian and brother in the Lord.

After leaving Eastern Washington in 1979 I married and we had children. It was very special to come from South Dakota and visit the Gibbons, which we did several times over the years. David, Ruth, my wife, Karen, and I all have fond memories of our times with Elmer and his family. Perhaps one of the most memorable occasions was the wagon ride pulled by the draft horses. A tire blew on the wagon with a loud bang, the horses bolted and left for home, Sage was pulled off the wagon, and we were all stranded for awhile. In December of 2014, I believe it was, our son, David, and I were treated with hospitality once again at the Gibbon's home. We had made a fast trip to Seattle and on the way home we enjoyed a time of visiting, a bed, and a great breakfast; Elmer preparing most of it, I think.

We will surely miss Elmer and had wanted to come to the Memorial Service and had made plans to do so. However, with the weather forecast and predictions and other factors we decided not to drive out there. Maybe we can get out there some time next year, but it sure won't be the same without Elmer.

We want to express our sympathy and love to you, Jerene, and to Sage, Jeanel, and to all of the other family members. May God be with you and comfort you all during this time of loss. As Christians we have the assurance, as Paul stated in I Thessalonians 5:10 "...that whether we are awake or asleep we will live together with Him."

Milton and Karen Douglas, Wewela, South Dakota

Milton Douglas - November 04, 2017 at 06:24 PM

LM

“ *Elmer you had the sweetest smile and you will be greatly missed. I am grateful that I met you.*

Linda Magee - November 02, 2017 at 04:01 PM

CG

“ *I became friends with Elmer the first time he did my taxes at H&R block. I actually looked forward to having my taxes done so I could catch up Elmer's past year.*

He was such a delightful man I hated to see him retire. I'm glad he got to spend time with his wife he spoke so highly of their life together.

My thoughts and prayers are with you my friend as well as your family.

Rest in Peace.

Cheryl Grimm



Chery Grimm - November 01, 2017 at 04:22 PM