



Harold Walter Meili

October 25, 1930 - January 28, 2020

Harold Walter Meili, age 89, passed away peacefully, January 28, 2020, in Cheney, WA with his wife Mary Kay by his side. Harold was born in Jamestown, North Dakota in 1930 and graduated from North Central High School and Eastern Washington College of Education. Harold served in the U.S. Coast Guard and fought wildfires as a smokejumper and also taught fifth grade for 25 years in Spokane. Harold married Mary Kay Lauer at the Open Door Congregational Church in Deer Park Washington, August 5, 1962. Two highlights in his life were watching his daughter Launi Kay win a gold medal in Sharpshooting at the 1992 Olympics in Barcelona, Spain, and his daughter Heidi at Seattle Seahawks games as a professional cheerleader. Harold is survived by his wife Mary Kay, daughters Launi Kay and Heidi Kay, son-in-law Kevin Geddes and grandson Bryce Owen Geddes. A sister, Margaret, and nieces, and nephews. He is preceded in death by his parents Walter and Esther, sister Lois Jean Doughty and son Lance Harold. The Emmanuel Lutheran Church in Cheney, WA is holding a Celebration of Life at 1:00 p.m. Saturday, February 8, 2020. In lieu of flowers, the family encourages donations to the Shriner's Hospital for Children, 911 W. 5th Ave., Spokane, WA 99204, the Emmanuel Lutheran Church, 639 Elm St, Cheney, WA 99004, or a charity of your choice.

Tribute Wall

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“*Mr. Meili was my 5th grade teacher at Whitman in 1959-60 and he was my favorite elementary teacher. We were his second class, I believe, but he was a wonderful combination of humor and discipline and he appeared to be a lot more experienced than he was. He encouraged my love of history, although there must have been times he thought he created a monster. :)*

I stayed in touch with him for a few years after elementary school and wish I would have done better at that. I will always have good memories of him and the years I knew him!

Rick Slater - February 02, 2023 at 08:55 AM

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“*"Mr. Meili" was my 5th Grade teacher around 19557 or 1958. He has always remained in my memories as one of my favorite teachers. That year our class project was to create a large Tyrannosaurus Rex out of paper mache, I believe for the Science Fair. I was introduced to advanced math in his class and was always grateful for the amazing time spent learning in his class. I am sorry for your loss.*

(I just happened on his passing as I was looking for my brother's obituary.)

Carol Steele - March 17, 2020 at 12:31 PM

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“ *Nancy C Vick lit a candle in memory of Harold
Walter Meili*



Nancy C Vick - February 02, 2020 at 02:56 PM

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“ Dear Mary Kay, Launi and Heidi.....

I have very SPECIAL Memories of the whole Meili family. Hal was the Blessing we needed for my youngest son, Kelly. Kelly was a bright young boy with experiences in the 4th. grade that left me frustrated. I Requested Hal for 5th. grade and was able to talk to him before the school year started..... then he requested "one on one" talk with Kelly." Kelly wanted to learn how to build a motor so Hal set up a table in the back of the classroom filled with the parts Kelly would need. This gave him a place to go after finishing his assignments where he could quietly go to the back of room to work on "His Project." I will forever be thankful for Hal and all teachers who go the extra steps to not only make a change in one child's life...but their entire classroom. Hal certainly gave him that opportunity ...to make some necessary changes in his behavior which then led him into the right direction to a very successful career as a Mechanical Engineer at Boeing...advancing far up in the company.

*I also remember all three of your children in my Kindergarten classes....bright, sweet and well-behaved! I, too, am proud of Launi's accomplishments and if I remember correctly I think i saw Heidi on the evening news when I was visiting friends near Missoula, Montana. Also remembering Launi on a workout video years ago. Hope my memoryi is correct! And last....Mary Kay I am thinking of you during this difficult time....what a long well-lived life you two have had. I remember taking classes with you and what fun we had.....You are all in my Heart and I send you much LOVE.
Nancy Vick now.....Nancy Kegley way back then!*

Nancy C Vick - February 02, 2020 at 02:53 PM