



## Lonnie L. Christensen

July 23, 1938 - September 11, 2021

Lonnie L. Christensen was born on July 23, 1938, and passed away on Sept. 11, 2021. He was born in Tekoa, Wash. and in 1943 moved with his family to Cheney to farm. He graduated from Cheney High School in 1959, and on June 17, 1961, he married Dianne E. Christensen in Coeur d'Alene, Idaho. Dianne passed away in 2020. Together, over their 59 years of marriage, they raised a loving family and lived in and around Cheney, Wash.

In his youth and early adult life, Lonnie mostly worked in farming. It was the work he loved best. For many years he continued to help his older brother care for the family farmstead but was always ready to lend a hand to the other farmers in the area during harvest. In 1967 he went to work at Eastern Washington University. In the early years he was a lead in the custodial department and then moved to become a heavy equipment operator. He retired in 1999 after 32 years of service. Lonnie was a hardworking man and a loyal and dependable friend. A deeply compassionate and empathetic person, who could make a friend of anyone. He was described by many of his fellow workers, neighbors, and caregivers, as one of the nicest men they'd ever met. He was a talented artist and model builder. He enjoyed camping, fishing, and snow skiing, and had a particular fondness for being outside; always looking for opportunities to appreciate the beauty of creation. When asked, Lonnie would without fail say his greatest joy and proudest achievement was his family and raising his four children. Lonnie was preceded in death by his youngest brother Laurence Christensen. He is survived by his brother Richard

"Dick" Christensen, sister, Marilyn (Jerry) Lytle, along with his four children Wendy (Kevin) Blagg, Robin (Gene) Mills, Joel (Heather) Christensen, and Adam (Jennifer) Christensen, 8 grandchildren, and 3 great grandchildren. Lonnie will be deeply missed by those who loved him. As one of Jehovah's Witnesses since 1955, he along with his family, hold a strong faith and hope for a future resurrection on earth (John 5:28-29, Psalms 37:9-11) and a life eternally free of sickness, sorrow, and death.

# Tribute Wall

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“ *Someone just told me Lonnie had passed. I am so sorry for his children, the lights of his life. Lonnie lived life to the fullest and usually the fastest. Robin you may remember a ski trip to Mt. Spokane. Your father headed straight down the mountain, he had no fear and loved every minute. We were his brakes when he plowed into us, laughing the whole time. One of the most honorable and kindest men I ever knew.*

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**Karen Wichman** - December 15, 2021 at 10:03 PM