



Richard Gordon Camp

August 23, 1928 - January 8, 2024

Richard (Dick) Gordon Camp, age 95, passed away in Cheney, WA on January 8, 2024. Richard was born to A. Clifford and Bessie B (Latimer) Camp on August 23, 1928, at home on the family farm where he lived for the next 95 years.

Richard began school at Cheney Training School (Cheney State Normal School) and graduated from Cheney High School in 1947. Richard bought his first heifer when he was in FFA and started building a dairy barn in 1947, finishing in 1949. In 1948, he married Mary Ellen Wendlandt from Reardan, WA.

As Marydick Guernsey Dairy they began to ship Grade A milk in December of '49 and expanded the herd to 40 registered cows. The milk was first shipped to Benewah Creamery, then Carnation, Early Dawn Dairy, and finally to Darigold. The Camps won the Dairy of Merit award from the Dairy Commission. Richard was the president of the state Guernsey Club and the Inland Empire Cattle Club. He also showed cows at the Interstate Fair for many years.

Before selling the cows in 1989, Richard also worked for the Cheney School District as a school custodian and bus driver for 26.5 years. He was awarded classified Employee of the Year in '91 and placed 2nd in the 1984 WA Assoc.

for Pupil Transportation East Side Association School Bus Road-e-o.

Richard had a talent for woodworking and photography and later enjoyed traveling around the U.S. and Canada with Mary Ellen.

He is survived by his children Carolyn Dyer and Janet Satchwell; grandchildren Carlin Dyer (Miranda McPherson) and Andrea Dyer Vernon (Joseph); great-grandchildren; Mackenzie and Hailey Somogyi, Kyleigh and Kale Dyer, Destiny Teakell, Colin Martinz and Jaydan Glanzer; sister-in-law Marian Dole, brother-in-law Jim Ryan, and he leaves behind many friends, cousins, nieces, and nephews.

Richard was preceded in death by two baby boy Camps, his parents, Mary Ellen's parents, a brother, and two sons-in-law.

A Visitation will be held Wednesday, January 24th from 4-6 p.m. at Cheney Funeral Chapel, 1632 W. 1st St. Cheney, WA. A Celebration of Life will be held on March 8th, 2024, at 2:00 p.m. at the Cheney United Methodist Church, 204 4th St., Cheney, WA. A private burial will be held at the Spangle Cemetery.

To receive a link to the private live stream of the service please email marydickguernsey@gmail.com.

Sharing Gifts of Remembrance can be made in Richard's honor to the Cheney Care Center, 2219 N. 6th St., Cheney, WA 99004; Horizon Hospice and Palliative Care, 608 East Holland Ave, Spokane, WA 99218; or an organization of your choice.

Cemetery Details

Spangle Cemetery

E. Keevy Rd.
Spangle, WA 99031

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 24. 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM (PT)

Cheney Funeral Chapel
1632 W 1st St.
Cheney, WA 99004
(509) 235-2992
<https://www.cheneyfuneral.com/>

Celebration of Life

MAR 8. 2:00 PM (PT)

Cheney United Methodist Church
204 4th St.
Cheney, WA 99004

Tribute Wall

JM

“ To the Camp family, I am so sorry to hear of Dick’s passing. I have many, many fond memories of working for Dick on the farm as well as working with him at Cheney High School. He was a friend and mentor to me.

I am thinking of you (Janet) God Bless your family. Jim McConnell

Jim McConnell - January 24, 2024 at 11:00 AM

JM

“ I am glad to have known your father, he was a kind man. He laughed when I showed him my favorite photo in the museum of him as a little boy holding an owl that hunters had brought back - it was nearly as big as him.

Joan Mamanakis - January 19, 2024 at 12:24 PM

RS

“ It was such a pleasure to have your father join us for a meal after Bloomsday. I am adding my prayers to all the many others being prayed for the Camp family. Ruth Sawyer

Ruth sawyer - January 15, 2024 at 02:29 PM

JP

“ Sending our family’s thoughts and prayers for our farm neighbor Dick and his family. It was a pleasure growing up with Camp girls.

Julie Painter Pittmann - January 14, 2024 at 07:29 PM

KM

“ *I remember two important things about Dick! His soft voice and handsome smile!!! Such a pleasant man!*

Karen Meye

Karen Meye - January 13, 2024 at 08:30 AM

TA

I remember the times Dad and I would come over to milk cows when you were on vacation with the family. A wonderful family man and person. My sincere condolences!

Tom Ashenbrenner

Tom Ashenbrenner - January 16, 2024 at 11:02 AM