



Roland James Reynolds

April 1, 1931 - July 15, 2021

Roland James (“RJ”) Reynolds, age 90 of Medical Lake, WA passed away Thursday, July 15, 2021, at the Cheney Care Center in Cheney, WA.

Roland was born April 1, 1931, in Palisade, Minnesota as the son of James and Rosela (Booth) Reynolds. Roland served in the US Air Force, rising to the rank of Chief Master Sergeant, receiving a Commendation Medal for Meritorious Service. Upon honorable discharge, Roland applied his exceptional mechanical skills in various capacities of civilian life. His personal interests included music and travel. Roland was a well-liked, highly respected member of his community with a broad network of friends and neighbors.

Survivors include brother Roger (Shirley) Reynolds of Duluth, MN, and 18 nieces and nephews. Roland was preceded in death by his parents, his sister Ruby and his loving wife Gloria. Both Roland and Gloria’s final resting place will be at the Washington Veterans Cemetery in Medical Lake, WA.

Tribute Wall

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“ Les Claassen here. I served in the USAF with RJ at two different bases. First met him and Gloria in 1955 in Great Falls. Worked with him there and for several years. Also learned a lot from him at the Auto Hobby shop there on the base. Remember riding on his motorcycle and even helped him bring it inside his house near the base for the winter. I was a one striper when I got there and RJ had just made TSgt. He was a constant thinker and was very smart in several topics. I remember he was from Minnesota, and I was from South Dakota. He left there for a tour in Thule, Greenland. I was transferred in 1961 to Shilling AFB, Kansas. Shortly after I got there, RJ and Gloria were reassigned to there too. Worked with him there for a couple years and socialized with him and Gloria. I and my wife (from Great Falls) had a manufactured home there. RJ and Gloria bought one similar to ours and parked it in the same court, close to us. RJ liked to make home brew and I helped him make it and drank some of it too. I remember we were installing a window air conditioner in his home. We had a few (maybe too many) home brews and both of us fell off the step ladder a couple times before finally getting it installed. Great Fun! RJ and Gloria transferred to Larsen AFB WA. Barb (my wife) and I visited him and Gloria there for a weekend and had a wonderful time. Remember his International pickup and the camper he had on it. A few years later I heard they were stationed at Beale AFB CA. We stopped and visited them there a couple times while we were stationed in southern CA. One time, it was after he had retired and he was repairing Irrigation pipes for farmers in that area. After that, I retired in Arizona (still live there) and I lost contact with him. It was about 2016 that I was able to find that he was living near Spokane, Washington. I called him and we chatted, but he could not remember who I was. He told me that Gloria had to be put in a nursing home and that his memory was failing. I just found out (on the internet) that Gloria had died in 2019 and RJ died in 2021. I'm so saddened to hear that. I wanted to get up there and see him. At least I now have closure and will always remember the great times we had together. May they both rest in peace. My sincere sympathy



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