



Thomas Labish

February 26, 1919 - July 4, 2017

Thomas Labish of Cheney, Washington, passed away on July 4, 2017 in Spokane. Tom was born in Barnesville, MN. on February 26, 1919. He came to the Cheney area in 1937 and worked milking cows in Sprague and later in the Tyler area working harvest and sewing sacks of wheat. He later moved to Cheney where he operated his dairy farm for over 40 yrs. After he retired from milking cows he continued to farm the land and take care of beef cattle with his son, Tim. The army drafted Tom in 1941 during World War II where he served in New Guinea for three years before being wounded and sent back home. He traveled home by boat as he didn't want to fly. He said " I figured if they (Japanese) shot that plane down, I don't have a chance of living, on the boat there are life savers. You might float a while." Tom's greatest legacy is his family and the many friends he made through the years. He is survived by his three children: Marlene Gilbreth (Gary), Steve Labish (Donna) and Tim Labish (Debi). Six grandchildren, five great-grand- children, numerous nieces and nephews, and his beloved dogs, Prince, Bruiser, Mason and cat, and Jumper. He was preceded in death by his wife of 64 years, Lorraine and nine siblings. Memorial contributions may be made to the Union Gospel Mission, 1224 E. Trent Ave., Spokane WA 99202 in Tom's memory. A funeral service will be held at 10:00 a.m. on Friday, July 14, 2017 at Cheney Funeral Chapel. Interment will follow at Spokane Memorial Gardens Cemetery. A reception will follow the interment at Cheney Fire District #3.

Tribute Wall

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“ *The Labish family and the Dows have the connecetion of being from the same town in Minnesota originally and through common relatives. I didn't always appreciate the always knowing this growing up just because "that was the way it was and just assumed it was that way for everyone. My condolences to the family on the loss of Tom*

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