



Warren Jay Mathwig

February 16, 1929 - August 26, 2015

Warren Jay Mathwig (age 86) Passed away August 26, 2015 in Spokane, Washington. Warren was born in Hulett, Wyoming on February 16, 1929. He served in the U.S. Marine Corps. Warren is survived by his wife Elizabeth Dan Mathwig. Children, Jeanne Alexander, Steve Mathwig, Warren Mathwig, Sherry Wells and Greg Mathwig. 17 grandchildren and 38 great grandchildren. Visitation will be from 12:00 to 1:00 p.m. on Monday, August 31 at Cheney Funeral Chapel, followed by burial at 2:15 pm at the Washington State Veteran's Cemetery in Medical Lake, Washington.

Tribute Wall

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“ Warren Mathwig was instrumental in helping Expo '74 in Spokane Washington actually become a reality. The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints was one of the first organizations to commit to being a part of the World's Fair. They needed someone to build a giant model of the Golden Plates of Mormon in the form of a pavilion for the Church and Warren was chosen. Warren had to raise money for the construction, but the Church paid for materials. According to a close friend, Richard D. Green, he was not paid for his efforts. At one point, he wondered how to support the pavilion. It was going to be on the bridge, but the City of Spokane decided that was to be a foot bridge. So, he needed to suspend it over the Spokane River at the north bank. Warren asked Richard for ideas, and he suggested they fly to Seattle and talk to a metal broker he knew. They did, and purchased two big I-beams manufactured in Japan. Then, he wondered how to make the outside of the pavilion look like golden metal leaves or plates and asked Richard if he had any ideas. He did! Richard suggested that Warren purchase 2-inch by 2-inch wood boards and use 16-penny nails to attach it to the outside spacing them in such a way that they looked like plates.

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