

## *George "Gene" Camp*

Born: October 27, 1926 in Lacrosse, WA

Passed Away: June 2, 2017 in Issaquah, WA

### Obituary

George "Gene" Eugene Camp passed away peacefully, surrounded by family, June 2, 2017, at his residence in Issaquah, Washington. Gene is survived by his wife of 65 years, Patty Camp. He was preceded in death by his Mother, Mollie Camp, Father, Ralph Camp, Sr., Sister, Marlene (Camp) Booth and Brother, Ralph Camp, Jr.

Gene's eldest daughters Debbie (Camp) McCown and husband Craig, granddaughter Jennifer (McCown) Sharp and husband Scott, great grandchildren Morgan, Kendall and Carson; grandson Brian McCown and wife Jenny, great grandchildren Olivia and Malory; granddaughter Mollie (McCown) Koommoo and husband Dan, all reside in Yakima, WA. Gene's son Michael Camp and wife Sandra, grandchildren Jordan, Halle and Margo, all reside in Hudson, Ohio. Gene's youngest daughter Melissa Camp and granddaughter Madi Chimenti-Camp, reside in Seattle, Washington. A self-made phrase that rang true among all grandchildren, great grandchildren, and parents thereof ... **"Grandpa's the Greatest"** ... is one that will forever be a part of his legacy.

Gene was born October 27, 1926, and raised in the farming community of Lacrosse, Washington among the wheat fields of his beloved Eastern Washington. Upon graduation from Lacrosse High School, Gene went on to attend Washington State College, joined the ?AE fraternity, and was known for his baseball prowess. Gene was part of the Washington State Cougar Baseball team that excelled by reaching the first ever NCAA World Series Finale in Omaha, Nebraska, in 1949.

Having spent time in the US Service and Semi-Professional Baseball, Gene then returned to Eastern Washington where he married Patty (Wolfe) Camp in 1952. He and his new wife Patty, a Spokane girl, made their home Lacrosse, Washington where they raised their family as a proud and successful Wheat Farmer. Gene was involved in local activities including the Lions Club, the Elks, the Shriners, local youth sports coaching, mentoring and umpiring. He was known for his wit and humor, yet seriously committed to successfully providing a wonderful life for a family that loved him so much.

Gene and Patty retired from the farm in 1990. The majority of their retirement years were spent between their summer lake place at Cave Bay on Coeur d'Alene Lake, Idaho and winter home in Green Valley, Arizona. They later relocated to Yakima, Washington, and then eventually settled in Issaquah, Washington.

Gene loved his family, his life and was deeply dedicated to the success of others around him. He and Patty also loved and cared for the dogs they had throughout the years...Tawny, Tashi, Cali and most recently Zoey. So much so, one of his favorite 'Gene-isms' sayings..."**If I had a tail, I'd wag it!!**"