



Burdine Bud Richard Duppenthaler

July 11, 1925 - April 6, 2016

Bud Duppenthaler passed away on Wednesday, April 6th, 2016 of complications due to interstitial lung disease at the age of 90.

He was born on July 11, 1925 in Bellingham, Washington to Louis and Agnes (Gabrielson) Duppenthaler and resided at 918 Lakeway Drive for much of his young life.

His infectious smile, laughter, and happiness will be missed by all who knew him.

His favorite pastimes were hunting, playing the “gut bucket” with the Washington Old Time Fiddlers, golfing and traveling.

He left Bellingham High School in 1943 to join the Army and became a “belly gunner” in a B-24 bomber and attended many reunions of their group over the years. He received an honorary discharge in 1945 having attained the rank of Staff Sergeant.

After WWII, he returned to Bellingham where he worked many jobs. He commercially fished, delivered fuel oil, and moved houses and then found employment with the Milwaukee Road railway in the early 1950's.

He officially retired from the railroad at the young age of 56 and travelled throughout the continental US, Mexico, and Alaska.

He is survived by his wife Merna of the Ferndale home who he married on February 2nd, 2014 in Blanchard, WA; his sons: Dick (Kristi) of Bellingham, WA; Victor (Marilyn) of Zhuhai, China; and John (Chris) of Midland, Texas, 11 grandchildren, 6 great-grandchildren, and numerous nieces and nephews. If the name is Duppenthaler, he was related.

He was also a step-dad to Merna's daughters: Karla (Kelly) Schuhow of Bellingham; Lisa (Steve) Kerzman of Ferndale; and Melinda (Chad) Bergman of Bellingham, and their families.

Bud was preceded in death by his parents, older brother Del, his wife Norma Jean, and son Greg.

In lieu of flowers, please send a donation to: Washington Old Time Fiddlers Association, John Smith, 119 Vista Del Mar St. Camano Island, WA 98282

A Celebration of Life will take place on Saturday, April 23 at 2:00PM at Moles Farewell Tributes in Ferndale (2039 Main Street) followed by a reception.

Military Honors will be provided by the American Legion Post 7 and the Washington Army National Guard.

Tribute Wall

VI

“ I will remember Buds infectious smile, that will continue on through his beautiful family. My heartfelt love to you all.

Vicki - April 06, 2016 at 12:00 AM

MD

“ We are so very sorry about Bud's passing...he was truly a very jolly,fun- loving man.Our family has been friends with the DUPPENTHALER family for a very long time. His grand-son, CHRIS and our SON DASHA have been life long friends, since they were very little. Victor and MARILYN are cherished friends.... and our heart goes out to them... we send tons and tons of healing ju ju.. MUCH love, mary ann dupree, david crabb , Dasha, Kristy and boys..

mary ann dupree - April 06, 2016 at 12:00 AM

JS

“ Bud was a good friend and fellow musician who regularly attended performances of the Old Time Fiddlers in Mount Vernon, WA. We loved his rendition of “Working on the Railroad,” and appreciated his enthusiastic support of all of us musicians. He famously played his “gut bucket” at all of our playouts. Bud's big smile would light up the room! We send our love and condolences to Myrna and his family. Rest in peace, dear friend!
John and Wilma Smith

John and Wilma Smith - April 06, 2016 at 12:00 AM

DC

“ My heart goes out to you and your families. My dad and mom couldn't have better neighbors all those years. There are a lot of good memories. Bud was a kind and hardworking man who was always smiling when he met you. He loved you boys and your mom very much. My prayers are with you. Diane

Diane Karuza Curry - April 06, 2016 at 12:00 AM

LB

“ Please know that I'm saying a prayer for Bud. He was always in a good mood and had a brilliant smile and laugh. My daughter, Stacy, remembers him telling her he was 103 yrs old. This was during a time when he stayed with our folks in Seattle, when he was down here working for the railroad. I think he stayed with them twice that I can remember. Stacy was very young at that time, and he was trying to convince her that he was 103. She wasn't sure he really was. Now she's 53 and still remembers the 103 yr old man. Bud and Norma were always considered relatives by our parents, Chet and Shirley Blackinton and the rest of our family. Condolences from the Blackinton Family.

Linda Blackinton - April 06, 2016 at 12:00 AM