



Conrad VanBeek

April 10, 1937 - May 25, 2017

Conrad VanBeek was born in Lynden, WA on April 10, 1937. He left us to be with his Lord on May 25, 2017. He graduated from Lynden High School in 1956, where he was a member of Future Farmers of America. He worked for several years for Greyhound as a ticket agent, and retired from Intalco after 29 years. Upon retiring, he volunteered for many years at the Bellingham Food Bank. He was a member of First Presbyterian Church, where he taught Sunday school. He brought his whole family to church with a pocketful of candies for the little ones. He loved being with friends and family, whether on a bowling league, cutting wood in the hills, camping, backyard BBQs, clam digging, tending to his garden and flowers, or fishing with his buddies. He enjoyed going on trips with family, including a trip to Holland to see the birthplace of his parents in Ede. His favorite times included sitting with Myrtle and he always had a smile on his face when he saw the grandkids come through the door so he could snuggle with any one of them in his chair. He was a caring and giving father to everyone who loved him. He will be sorely missed, but we look forward to seeing him again someday.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Ed and Cora, sister Willie, brother Gerrit, brothers-in-law George, Joe, and Dick. He is survived by his loving and faithful wife of 55 years, Myrtle, son Jeff, daughter Connie, grandchildren Erick (Josie), Amanda, Jayme (David), and Lindy, 11 great-grandchildren, sisters Gert and Cora, and brothers Ed (Ethel), and Hank (Judi), as well as many

nieces and nephews.

Arrangements are by Moles Farewell Tributes, 2465 Lakeway Drive, Bellingham, with a family viewing on Tuesday May 30 at 10:00 a.m. Interment will be at Bayview Cemetery on May 30 at 11:00 a.m. and a memorial service for friends and relatives will be at First Presbyterian Church, 1031 N. Garden St. on May 30 at 12:00 p.m. with a reception following.

Tribute Wall

BV

“ I have so many very fond memories of Uncle Con, from the many camping trips taken where we would go fishing, clam digging, and crabbing to just hanging out as family when I was growing up. Uncle Con was always fun to be around. I remember one time we were crabbing at Clayton Beach while camping at Larabee State Park. Uncle Con was showing off one of the dungeness crabs he got when that crab got a hold of his thumb with his claw and got Uncle Con good. His thumb bled quite a bit, but he kept on crabbing and enjoying the time he spent with his extended family. He also was quite the fisherman, always talking about the big one that got away :). I loved him dearly and will truly miss his smile and jovial spirit.

Brad VanBeek - May 25, 2017 at 12:00 AM

WJ

“ Con was a great brother in law and uncle ! Most of my children's fondest memories while growing up were centered around Con, his humor, the way he loved children and the joy he brought to all people around him. I love Con dearly and there will be a emptiness in my life without him. R.I.P. Con

Walt Johnson Jr. - May 25, 2017 at 12:00 AM

GK

“ Gerrit, Conrad were our neighbors back in the 40's, they lived in the big house on the present site of the Lynden Christian School 2nd Chance Thrift Shop. Enjoyed many days of playing in the Lynden City Park and other. May both Gerrit and Conrad R.I.P. Iv childhood friend – Gerrit Kuiken.

Gerrit Kuiken - May 25, 2017 at 12:00 AM

AL

“ We are very sorry to hear the news and of your loss. We only knew Conrad briefly but we could tell he was a strong and kind man who cared and supported his family very much.
May the family celebrate his life and find comfort with each other.

Angela Lin - May 25, 2017 at 12:00 AM