



Gerald "Jerry" Hammer

September 30, 1935 - August 28, 2025

On Thursday, August 28, 2025, Jerry Hammer passed away peacefully, surrounded by his loving family at Whatcom Hospice House. He was born to Raymond S. Hammer and Orma Blanche (Adams) Hammer in Bellingham on September 30, 1935, the 12th of 13 children.

A kind, caring, loving husband, father, grandfather, great-grandfather, and great-great-grandfather, he left an everlasting impact on them as well as with his nephews and nieces and friends.

Jerry began his career in the timber and logging business in his late teens and early 20s. First by working for a couple of his brothers at age 12 and eventually at Camp Grisdale on the Olympic Peninsula, followed by working for various logging companies, including Washington Loggers Corporation as logging Superintendent. Eventually, he started his own company, Alpine Log Company, in 1963 and brought Bob Starry in as a partner. Alpine grew to 108 employees producing timber, constructing roads, and hauling logs to market. That partnership lasted 27 years until Jerry decided to pursue his own company, A.L.R.T. Corporation, which was formed in 1990.

Always looking for opportunities, his entrepreneurial spirit led him to become involved in various ventures, including incineration businesses, real estate development, rock quarries, and the hotel industry. These interests and

accomplishments were all driven by his high standards first for character and integrity which were more important to him than anything else. His drive and interest in people were foremost, other than his family. He worked hard and loved deeply.

He was not afraid to share his political values or engage in conversation about many issues. He was one of the “Old School,” believing that hard work would build character and was a valuable education for all. He would discreetly buy a meal for a family when in restaurants or loan one of his antique cars to a friend to care for and use instead of selling it, or he would donate his time to fixing someone’s driveway.

Jerry was actively involved in supporting the Deming Logging Show and was one of its original founders, where his dedication to the organization was felt by all who knew him.

Jerry is survived by his wife, Lurline, of 48 years, his 3 daughters, Patty Hammer, Kathy Ackerson (Gary), Cyndra Neufeld (Lorne), and son Shawn (Geri Schaeffer), daughter-in-law Joan Hammer, 13 Grandchildren, 21 great-grandchildren, and 4 great-great-grandchildren, 2 sisters, Anita May and Winona Bowhay-Alberg (John).

He was preceded in death by his parents, 10 siblings, son Michael, and numerous nieces and nephews.

A Celebration of Life will be held on Sunday, September 21, 2025, starting at 2 PM at the Deming Log Show Museum, located at 3295 Cedarville Rd in Bellingham, WA 98226

Tribute Wall



“ *Simply the best.* ”

Cindy Wilson - September 12, 2025 at 12:00 AM