



## Gerald Roberts Lauerman

May 17, 1929 - December 26, 2013

Bellingham

His name is Gerald Roberts Lauerman. He was born in Everett, WA on May 17, 1929. He was the third child of Clarence L. and Mattie M. (Roberts) Lauerman. He has one brother Kenneth J. (Jean) Warm Beach and one sister Clarene L. (deceased). On Oct 23, 1996 Jerry married Billie W. (Smith, Lavender) Ribbe. Jerry has a step-son Phillip Nixon (Teresa) Graham, WA. Billies children are Teresa M. Lavender (Woodinville, WA) and Michael C. Lavender (Lisa) College Station, TX. There are 5 grandchildren and 9 great grandchildren. Jerry left this world on December 26, 2013,

Jerry grew up in Snohomish, WA, graduating from Snohomish High School in 1949. He attended the U of W prior to enlisting in the Army in July 1951 and served in Korea where he received the Purple Heart, Bronze Star and Army Commendation Ribbon w/metal pendant. When he separated from the Army in June 1954 he continued his education in Washington and Oregon where he received his Doctor of Optometry degree at Forrest Grove, OR. He had four offices mainly in the Seattle area until his retirement in 1993.

Jerry was an avid outdoorsman from the time he was a young child. He and his brother grew up fishing and hunting with their dad whenever possible. The two of them delighted in playing on and in the Snohomish River. He had many

a tale to tell of his adventures in the Cascade Mountains hunting, fishing, hiking, camping and helping a good friend (Whistlin Pine Ranch) pack and guide hunters into the Wilderness Areas of Washington. One of his favorite places to go and spend time over the last few years has been Stehekin, WA where he would hike the many trails and chop wood for the stove. He loved card games, especially Bridge, cribbage, jigsaw puzzles and dancing wherever he could find a good dance floor and band. He was a wonderful dancer and his favorite place to go was Harrison Hot Springs. Jerry was quiet, gentle, strong-willed with a stubborn side, but a very loving man. He will be dearly missed by all who knew him.

#### Farewell Tribute Information

There will not be a funeral. Just take a minute or two for a little prayer to help him on his journey. Donations Information

#### Whatcom Hospice Foundation

2901 Squalicum Parkway

Bellingham, WA 98225

[www.hospicehelp.org](http://www.hospicehelp.org)

#### Stehekin Buckner Homestead Heritage Foundation

P.O. Box 184

Manson, WA 98831

[www.bucknerhomestead.org](http://www.bucknerhomestead.org)



# Tribute Wall

MJ

“ I had the good fortune to travel the High Country with Jerry and the Sawtooth Outfitters, usually we spent a week at a time from the Gold Creek trail head, Jerry always had a smile on his face, he always had an axe in his hand, or was always the first to put up a wall tent, I am lucky to call jerry my friend, I will miss him.

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**Mark Johnson** - December 26, 2013 at 12:00 AM

RU

“ Spent many times with Jerry at the ranch and trailheads. Always a smile on him. He was the champion of the trivia games we used to play. Too smart for us other ole' cowboys. May God bless him in heaven.

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**Russ** - December 26, 2013 at 12:00 AM

BV

“ I first met Jerry in 1983. He was part of the Kearney hunting party I packed into the Pasayten Wilderness. Upon leaving camp I asked him to hold a big lippazan gelding (known as Big Al) that we were putting packs on. Jerry did not hesitate to oblige my request. With the loads half secured, the horse suddenly lunged ahead, knocking Jerry flat on his back into the middle of the campfire (fire was out) ... looking up with pie-sized eyes at the chest of 'Big Al' ...who was completely splayed out all four corners...looking straight down at Jerry underneath. We laughed about that for years. Another time, around an early morning campfire, Jerry was expounding on yet another story with the coffee pot in his right hand and his cup in his left. He was so into this story I watched as he filled my slippers at his feet with coffee...completely missing his cup. Jerry was always a little forgetful – but will never be forgettable. He was kind, caring and always a gentleman even in the worst of conditions nature threw at us.

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**Brian Varrelman** - December 26, 2013 at 12:00 AM

AS

“ We will miss Jerry as we used to have dinner with him and Billie and another couple. He was fun to be with. We always looked forward to our times together.

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**Audrey and Bob Swanson** - December 26, 2013 at 12:00 AM

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**alana lavender and kevin dobbs** - December 26, 2013 at 12:00 AM