



## Jack Watson

February 5, 1935 - October 7, 2024

Jack Watson, a beloved father, grandfather, and friend, passed away peacefully, leaving behind a legacy of athleticism, family devotion, and a knack for fixing anything. He was born in Riverdale, ND, and graduated from Riverdale High School in 1953. Jack furthered his education at North Dakota State School of Science, earning a degree in Electrical Technology in 1955. Jack and family moved to Whatcom County in the mid-60s.

Jack was an exceptional athlete, lettering in football, basketball, and track throughout high school, and continued to excel in sports at the collegiate level. He proudly served in the Army during peacetime and began his lifelong passion for golf during this time, achieving an impressive record of over 20 holes-in-one.

Jack cherished the time spent watching his grandsons in their various sports and doted on his four great-grandchildren: Brody, Avery, Ellie, and Everett. He and his late wife, Darlene Rysgaard, who passed away June 7, 2001, enjoyed wintering in Arizona after retirement, creating lasting memories with family and friends.

As a 70-year member of the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers, Jack dedicated his career to his craft as a journeyman electrician. He had a unique ability to fix almost anything, a testament to his resourcefulness and

determination.

Jack is survived by his daughters Kelli Watson (Kevin Shea) of Coral Gables, FL, and Karla Sasken (Jim) of Custer, WA, along with his nephew Cary Linkenhoker, whom he raised as a son, residing in Dallas, TX. He also leaves behind two grandsons, Dustin Sasken (Barbara) of Billings, MT, and Kellan Sasken (Katelyn) of Tualatin, OR, as well as five nephews.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations to PeaceHealth Whatcom Hospice in Bellingham, WA. A private family service will be held at a later date.

# Tribute Wall

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“ It's Ken Cheney I just want to say Jack was one of my first journeyman i worked with he told me to watch what the other crafts do and how they do it. Excellent advise. Jack said he was a jack of all trades by learning from other trades. It was an honor to work with him and learn conduit bending on the western old main job. I just thought I'd check to see if he was still alive im sorry to hear he isn't. One of the best wireman.

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**Ken Cheney** - February 25, 2025 at 12:00 AM