



## Leo Arthur Metz

April 18, 1936 - March 20, 2017

Leo Arthur Metz was born April 18, 1936 in Polson, MT to Mondell and June Metz and passed away March 20, 2017 in Lynden, WA at the age of 80. Leo graduated from Polson High School in Polson, MT in 1954 and attended Carroll College in Helena, MT. In 1958 he married Betty Crawford who became his lifelong friend until her passing in 2015. Leo and Betty lived in several towns in Montana and Idaho and finally settled in Lynden in 1965. Leo enjoyed a career as an electrician until he retired and not only built the family home in Lynden, but was a gentleman farmer as well. His livestock included cows, chickens and ducks. He even raised quail and pheasants, which he hatched from eggs. Dogs, cats, horses and rabbits rounded out his farm animal family. He loved his animals, but his priorities were his family and providing for them. He also was a master gardener and built greenhouses where he grew all kinds of vegetables and fruit. He loved spending time with the family on Sundays as that was "Family Day". Swimming and pizza were just one of the outings he enjoyed. Spending time with his family in the cabin that he and his father built on Flathead Lake was always a highlight. He enjoyed fishing and hunting and often took his sons and grandsons out on his small fishing boat. Leo taught all his children to swim. He was a loving husband who was committed to his wife, Betty. Leo was at her side throughout her 8-year illness. He endured this time with the love and support from his family and from those at CHCC (Christian Health Care Center) who cared for "mom". He also spent his last days at CHCC and we appreciate all the care he

received there.

Leo is survived by his children Art (Shelley) Metz of Whitefish, MT, Tina Metz of Bellingham, WA, Christine (Rod) Hoefakker of Sumas, John Metz of Richland, WA and Tim (Karen) Metz of Lynden.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Betty Metz, infant children Kristopher and Danette and brother Mondell Metz. He has 11 grandchildren and 8 great grandchildren with 3 on the way, brother Jim (Joanne) Metz of Mt. Vernon and sister Judell Harsh of Bellingham.

Leo's stories, family history, photography, gardening and generosity will be greatly missed. He had a sense of humor and enjoyed his friends and family.

A celebration of Leo's life will be held on Wednesday, April 19th at 11:00am at The Firs (4605 Cable Street, Bellingham

# Tribute Wall



“ *My condolences to the Metz family. I've known Leo for over thirty years. Working for him and with him on numerous jobs. He was a good boss and partner. Sorry to hear of his passing.* ”

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**steve clevenger** - March 20, 2017 at 12:00 AM