



## Dale LeRoy Lathrop

February 15, 1937 - May 2, 2025

With deep sadness, we announce the passing of Dale LeRoy Lathrop on May 2, 2025, in Wenatchee, Washington. He was 88 years old. Dale was a beloved husband, father, grandfather, brother, and friend whose warmth and generosity touched many lives.

Born on February 15, 1937, in Buroak, Kansas, Dale served his country honorably in the United States Air Force during the early Cold War era as a jet airplane mechanic, stationed at Moody Air Force Base. It was just after boot camp, during a visit back to Washington, that fate stepped in. When Lily first saw Dale in Monroe, she told her friend, "I'm going to marry him." And she did. That was 70 years ago, on April 30. They recently celebrated that incredible milestone surrounded by family, sharing their tradition of root beer floats.

Dale served his community as a volunteer firefighter and was always ready to lend a hand. A skilled mechanic, he was the go-to fix-it man for friends, family, and neighbors—always busy with a project or repair. He had a deep passion for the outdoors, especially fishing, hunting, and RVing. His infectious laughter and generous spirit made him unforgettable to all who knew him.

He is survived by his loving wife, Lily Lathrop; daughter Dotty Rickards; daughter-in-law Carol Lathrop; and grandchildren Jennifer, Brian, Lisa, and Nikki, along with their families. He also leaves behind his brothers, Ralph and John, and sister, Bette.

Dale's legacy lives on through the countless lives he touched and the memories that will forever warm our hearts.



# Tribute Wall

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“ *My Auntie Louise lived next door to the Lathrop family, and they were all lovely. Lily & Dale were always both kind, and fun. I remember babysitting Dotty and my cousin's son. May his memory always be a blessing.*

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