



## Ward Lowell Hartzell

December 29, 1930 - January 1, 2022

Ward Lowell Hartzell, of Twisp, was born to Richard and Mary (Williams) Hartzell in Yakima, WA on December 29, 1930. Ward was the second of four sons and grew up in Tacoma, WA. Ward Hartzell was 91 years old at the time of his death on December 31, 2021. He was a lifelong Christian and held strong beliefs. He remained faithful to the end.

Ward served in the United States Air Force until his honorable discharge in 1959. He studied biology at University of Puget Sound and subsequently worked at Cargill, Incorporated, Seattle, Washington. He met Bernice Rupp through an early computer dating service. They were wed on Dec. 26, 1964. The Seattle Post-Intelligencer carried the front-page headline, "Cupid Computer Clicks for Compatible Couple." Ward often spoke of the honeymoon in Europe they so enjoyed, compliments of the dating service.

Through the 1970s, Ward owned and operated a successful landscaping business in Mount Lake Terrace, Washington and served many homes and businesses in the Seattle area. In 1979, the family moved to Twisp, where they homesteaded on property just below McClure Mountain. Ward worked hard developing the property and building their home.

Ward continued to work on his property throughout his life. It wasn't until

1990 that phone service was connected, and electrical service in 2007. He and

Bernice planted a large garden every year and he enjoyed tending that and taking care of the chickens. Ward enthusiastically shared God with others, and wrote many letters to the Editor of the Methow Valley News. He also enjoyed the close fellowship of church family at Omak Seventh-day Adventist Church where he and Bernice attended.

Ward is survived by his son Derek (Sara) Hartzell of Twisp, and grandson Ethan; son Craig Hartzell of Edmonds, Washington, Terri Hartzell, of Renton, Washington, and grandchildren Nathan and Kaylin; daughter Janet Evans of Greybull, Wyoming, and grandchildren Roger "Martin" (Kelly) and Lexie; brother Clay Hartzell of Winlock, Washington; sisters-in-law Luz Hartzell of Kirkland, Washington, Marcile Nofziger of Archbold, Ohio, and Margaret (Carl) Smeltzer of Harrisonburg, Virginia; and wives of his brothers-in-law, Jueldine Rupp of Lake Wales, Florida and Peggy Rupp of Pettisville, Ohio.

He was preceded in death by his wife of nearly 55 years, his parents, his brothers, Barton Hartzell and Allen Hartzell, his son-in-law Roger Evans (by one week), his infant granddaughter Aleah, sisters-in-law Winifred Hartzell, Melva (Doyle) Short, Betty (Cliff) Liechty, an infant sister-in-law, Janice Rupp, and brothers-in-law Lowell "Sie" Rupp and Roger Rupp.

There will be a memorial service at Omak Seventh-day Adventist church in Omak on Sunday, February 13, at 11 a.m.

# Tribute Wall



“ *Ward Lowell Hartzell*

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October 23, 2023 at 01:06 AM



“ *I will always remember how welcoming they were when I came into the family. The times we all were able to get together in Winlock. You will be missed more than you know. Scott, Abby and the reset of our little Hartzell/Moore clan. We will meet again on the shores of the beautiful river.*

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**Abby Hartzell** - January 16, 2022 at 06:24 PM



“ *RIP Ward Hartzell*  
*I will never forget how committed you & your family were to be standing up with me in my many property issues. I loved riding to Tonasket with you guys & Having dinner on the way to our meetings. I learned how to stand up for my rights which has influenced me ever since!*

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**Mare Doats** - January 16, 2022 at 05:32 PM