

Leon W. Gee

Aug. 7, 1926 — July 19, 2004

Sequim resident Leon W. Gee died in Swedish Hospital, Seattle, of myocardial infarction at age 77.

He was born in Spiro, Okla., to Willis Allen and Edith Virginia (Starrett) Gee.

During World War II, Mr. Gee was in the Navy and served aboard the *USS Wasp*.

He married Patricia Pitts in Yuma, Ariz., on Oct. 30, 1948.

Mr. Gee, who moved to Sequim in 1963, was employed by Thomas Builders for more than 30 years.

He was instrumental in building Gardiner Country Chapel. His other interests focused on the family, farm, including its chickens, and books.

In addition to his wife, survivors include sons Mark Allen Gee of Tacoma and Steven Eugene Gee of Lacy; brother Wilburn R. Gee of Clovis, Calif.; brother Stanley C. Gee and sisters Georgia R. Carroll and Dorothy L. Kurth, all of Avon Park, Fla.; five grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

Services: Friday, July 23, 2 p.m., funeral in Gardiner Country Chapel, Highway 101, Gardiner. Pastor John Tollefson will officiate. Reception in Gardiner Country Chapel will follow graveside services in Gardiner Cemetery. Sequim Valley Funeral Chapel is in charge of arrangements.