



Charles Marvin Rutherford

April 28, 1934 - August 24, 2012

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"Charlie"

Charles M. "Charlie" Rutherford, 78, of Wenatchee, a former longtime Rock Island and Quincy resident, passed away on Friday, August 24, 2012 at Central Washington Hospital.

He was born on April 28, 1934 at Topsy, Oklahoma to the late Jesse and Fannie (McGee) Rutherford. He was raised and received his schooling at Jay, Oklahoma. His first job was working in a lumber mill in Oklahoma, prior to travelling to the northwest to pick peaches. In the early 1950's, he went to work at a Bean Processing Plant in Murtaugh, Idaho. In 1967, he moved to Quincy where he went to work at Centennial Meals, processing beans. He became a Foreman and remained working through its name change to Central Bean for over 30 years before retiring.

He was married to Donnalee Ellen Manskey on March 16, 1986 at Reno, Nevada. They moved to make their home together in Rock Island, where they remained until moving briefly to East Wenatchee in 2010. They moved to Wenatchee one year ago.

Charlie especially enjoyed playing one arm bandit slot machines. He was a real outdoorsman that relished woodcutting, hunting and fishing.

He is survived by his wife, Donnalee E. Rutherford, Wenatchee; two children, Randy Rutherford, Soap Lake and Cynthia "Cindy" and her husband Jesse Puente, Yuma, Arizona; six step-children, Mark S. Manskey, Pilot Point,

Texas, Marcel S. Kopplin, Spokane, Keith A. Manskey, Apache Junction, Arizona, Kay Ann Curtis, Spokane, Julie Lynn Knowles, Spokane and Maureen K. Orndorff, Spokane; four brothers and sisters, Lillie Thompson, Bentonville, Arkansas, Bill Rutherford, Colcord, Oklahoma, Louise "Cotton" Frye, Bentonville, Arkansas and Russell Rutherford, Colcord, Arkansas; three grandchildren, Audrey "Katie" Saunders, Dryden, Amanda Sawyer, Auburn, WA and Jake Puente, Lynnwood, WA; and five grandchildren, Cooper Puente, Lynnwood, WA, Joshua Rich, Dryden, Megan Rutherford, Luke Sawyer and Kylie Sawyer all of Auburn, WA. He was preceded in death by his parents, three brothers, Walter Black, Lewis Rutherford and Johnnie Black and two sisters, Zelmie Rutherford and LouLou "Toots" Woods.

A remembrance gathering will be held at a later date. Arrangements are in the care of Heritage Memorial Chapel, East Wenatchee.

Tribute Wall

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“ Donna I'm so sorry for your loss. You are and will always be special to me. Love and Respect, Nancy.

Nancy Allenton - August 29, 2012 at 12:55 PM

AS

“ Donnalee I'am truely sorry for your lose. Papa loved you greatly.Katie

Audrey Saunders - August 27, 2012 at 08:24 PM

AS

“ I will always remember my papa with his cutoff shirts and overalls. The best fried potatos and beans ever. I even rememeber him dressing up as santa claus and coming to house with presents for Amanda and myself. I love you. Katie

Audrey (Katie) Saunders - August 27, 2012 at 08:23 PM



“ Love you always papa, see you in heaven.... Mandi

August 27, 2012 at 01:24 AM

JS

“ I wish we would have gotten to spend more time with him. I remember him as a funny and sweet man, always in his overalls. We will miss you grandpa Charlie. Our thoughts and prayers are with you grandma. We love you!

Jared, Becky, Karly, and Karsyn Schafer - August 26, 2012 at 01:48 AM

CM

“ my favorite memory of grandpa was when i was about 7 or 8. him and grandma had came down and visited us in texas. i remember them bringing tons of washington apples for us. at the time we had a swing on our back porch. it didnt get too much action but grandpa seemed to get good use out of it. he sat out there and smoked his cigar and i dont think i left his side the whole afternoon. to be honest, i dont think a single word was spoken. i dont know whether it was his overalls or what, but the man amazed me. i just wanted to be next to him.

that evening dinner came and i spent the whole time in the bathroom throwing up. grandma and my mom kept asking me why i was sick but i didnt want to tell them it was from the smell of grandpas cigars because i knew it would make him feel bad. to this day i can picture him sitting on that swing. i have no idea why ive held into that memory so tightly or how as i child i was able to tell just how special of a man he was.

i love you grandpa! save me a spot up there!

caitlin manskey - August 26, 2012 at 12:04 AM



“ I feel blessed to have had someone like Grandpa Charlie in my life. There is not a time I can remember him without his overalls and his red hat. I hope they let him wear that in heaven because he may not go in if they don't. Grandpa was one of 3 people who I ever answered to the name 'Stephy' for. There was something special about him that people saw everywhere he went. I have heard so many stories in the last week of family members who said they just needed to be close to him whenever he was near. He made you feel important, no matter how old/young you were. I can't express here how much I will miss his smile. I love you grandpa.

August 25, 2012 at 11:45 PM

MK

“ On behalf of my sister Kay,I have to share this story...
My younger sister Kay was visiting mom and Charlie at their place in Rock Island. She was planning to go on a date that evening and did not want to eat Charlies famous chili for fear of having gas on her date. Charlie told her if she just eats the sauce/juice of the chili and not the actual beans she would be fine....well...Kay said that is absolutely not true! She told Charlie later about her evening. Charlie just laughed at her and now whenever he visits her he makes her laugh about that story.... Charlie has always been a great prankster and tease. We will miss "grandpa Charlie" for a very long time.

Marcel Manskey Kopplin - August 25, 2012 at 11:34 PM

WM

“ You are in our thoughts and prayers, Grandma Donna.

Wendy and Devin Manskey - August 25, 2012 at 11:33 PM