



Cleo H Robins

October 16, 1918 - May 2, 2012

Cleo Robins, 93, and a 60 year Wenatchee resident, passed away on May 2, 2012 at Central Washington Hospital.

Cleo was born on October 16, 1918 to Grover and Sarah (Gifford) Robins in Oxford, Arkansas. He was raised on the family farm and started working at the age of 7 in the garden; which they sold the produce alongside eggs, milk and cattle. He attended Kingdom School, which consisted of two rooms; he graduated in 1937 along with 11 other students. On June 11, 1942 Cleo received a letter from the Army notifying him that he had been drafted. He reported for Boot Camp at Camp Rooker in Alabama and attended Maneuver Training in Tennessee. He served with the 906th Field Artillery Battalion in United & Pacific Theatre, and supported the 81st Infantry Division. In 1944 he was deployed from California to Hawaii and from there to Philippines to fight the Japanese in WWII. After a little more than a year they were sent orders to go to Japan and await further orders to go ashore, but the Japanese surrendered. He has honorably discharged in the winter of 1945. He then worked for his father as a carpenter until entering Barbering College in 1946. March 1946 he married the love of his life, Nova Lee and they welcomed their son, Charles "Edd" in November. Together they moved to Melbourne Arkansas, and Cleo cut hair at Ralph's Barber Shop, in the spring of 1951 they moved to Wenatchee. They both found employment in the agriculture industry; Cleo would cut hair during the week at the Wenatchee Columbia Hotel for Dick Mahan, and on weekends he worked in the orchards. Cleo went to work

for Ray Richardson, in his Barber Shop and eventually he purchased the barber shop from him, located on Mission Street. Cleo continued to cut hair until his retirement age of 82. In 1953 Cleo started bowling; he participated on three different teams and served as President for the Wenatchee Bowling Association. In 1970 he took up golfing and made many new friends on the course.

Cleo leaves behind his son; Charles "Edd" Robins, Wenatchee, five grandchildren; Kerri Sheehan, Edmonds, WA, Betsy (Shane) Dillard, Wenatchee, Charles Joseph "Joe" (Bethany) Robins, Wenatchee, Dylan "Cody" Robins, Wenatchee, WA, Samuel "Luke" Robins, Tacoma, WA and three great grandchildren; Taylor Nichole Dillard-Henderson, Wenatchee, Andrew "Kels" Sheehan, Edmonds, Coen Darrell Dillard, Wenatchee.

He is preceded by wife, Nova (January 2012) and four sisters, Edith Blevins, Thelma Gilstrap, Wanda Robins, Vivian Roddy and brother, Robert Dyer "RD" Robins.

A Memorial Service is scheduled for Saturday, May 19th, 3pm at the First Church of Nazarene, 1011 S. Miller, Wenatchee. Online condolences and memories can be left for his family at www.HeritageMemorialChapel.com. Arrangements are in the care of Heritage Memorial Chapel, East Wenatchee, WA.

Tribute Wall

LR

“ Hey grandpa it's Luke. I know you can't read this but I know you can hear my thoughts. I miss you so much, I really feel like everyday is that much more of a struggle without you being around for a silly joke and great advice. You by far have been my biggest inspiration in life. I never want to disappoint you, I do try really hard to stay respectful to others and be as gentleman like as possible. It seems like yesterday you were here.. laughing... joking.. I miss you grandpa, I love you.

Luke Robins - October 27, 2012 at 07:46 AM

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“ Cleo gave my brother Tim his very first haircut which was in 1960. My dad, Vern Vickery thought the world of Cleo. I know Daddy considered Cleo a very good friend plus the fact they were both from the great state of Arkansas. I never had the privilege of meeting Cleo but I could tell by the tributes his family paid him in his obituary that he was a very special and very loved man. I am so glad my dad has been reunited with his dear friend. My thoughts and prayers are with you at this time of such great loss.

Suzanne Vickery Rabbitt - May 23, 2012 at 10:45 PM

RM

“ Dear Edd and family,
We are sorry we could not be at the service today for Cleo. Ron is away at the regional track meet so I, Lynne, am writing this for us both. I remember going to Grant Road Hardware and stopping many times to talk to your dad and always enjoyed your mother. Ron has told me many tall tails of your childhood escapades, the most memorable was when you opened the door to hide and ended up falling down the stairs. It is sad to see so many of the first generation Arkansas people passing away. What a brave and hardworking bunch of people. Even though I am only married into the community, it is a strong community of life long friendships. Please know how much we care about you and your family and how much we, Ron for more years than me, appreciated your parents.
With love, Ron and Lynne Mason

Ron and Lynne Mason - May 19, 2012 at 07:42 PM

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“ Cleo was a very special person. He always greeted you with that big smile no matter when or where you saw him. We had many fun nights of bowling in leagues and on weekends. My granddaughter remembers both Nova and Cleo from the Sat. Morning bowling lessons where my husband and I helped teach the kids to bowl. Joey and Betsy were in the classes, too. Cleo will be missed by all his bowling and golfing friends, as I said before he was one special guy.

Bernice Leavitt - May 18, 2012 at 01:42 AM