



Harry Wayne Folkes

February 8, 1919 - September 11, 2009

Harry W. Folkes, 90, a 44 year Wenatchee area resident, passed away on Friday, September 11, 2009 at Central Washington Hospital.

He was born on February 8, 1919 at Puloski, Iowa to the late Louis B. & Maude Anna (Tackett) Folkes. He was raised and graduated from high school in Iowa. Following high school, he moved to Northern Idaho for work and there he met Dorothy Lou Bard. They were later married on August 17, 1940 at Coeur d'Alene, Idaho. They made their first home together in Davenport, Washington. During W.W.II, they moved to Port Orchard and Harry worked as a civilian in the Naval Shipyards. In 1945, they moved to Wenatchee and later moved to Brewster in 1951. He worked as an electrician and had worked on all of the major Columbia River Dams. During this time, he also cleared land and started a orchard in Brewster. In 1964, They moved to Whitefish, Montana, where he worked as a Commercial Electrician for Valco and Kaiser. He was transferred to West Ghana, Africa in 1965 and later to Southeast Asia in 1969. He also worked on projects in Thailand and Japan before retiring and returning to Wenatchee in 1971. They moved to East Wenatchee in 1972 and started a soft fruit orchard operation.

On October 25, 1985, he was preceded in death by his wife, Dorothy L. Folkes. Harry continued to make his home in East Wenatchee until moving to Wenatchee in 2003.

He was a member of the Bridgeport and Omak F&AM Masonic Lodges and was a past member of the Puritan Chapter of the Order of Eastern Star of

Bridgeport; he was also a former member of the Wenatchee B.P.O.E # 1186. Harry enjoyed golfing, hunting, fishing and bowling. He was well known as a very good cribbage player.

He is survived by two daughters and one son-in-law, Dannis & Gary Smith, Omak and Renee Sipe, East Wenatchee; one son and daughter-in-law, William "Bill" & Gladys Folkes, Wenatchee; 9 grandchildren and 12 great grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his wife, Dorothy and one infant brother.

Commemoration services will be held on Thursday, September 17th at 1:00 p.m. at Heritage Memorial Chapel, 19 Rock Island Road, East Wenatchee. The interment services will follow in Wenatchee Cemetery with Masonic Rites. Visitation will be on Wednesday from 5:00 to 8:00 p.m. at the funeral home. Arrangements are in the care of Heritage Memorial Chapel, East Wenatchee.

Tribute Wall

RB

“ *Dear Renee & Family,
Thank you for the opporotunity to have been part of Harry's life. He was a joy all of the time and always with that cute little smile on his face. He was a true gentleman who loved his family. Please know that he touched our lives at Blossom Creek Memory Care.*

With Love,

Rhonda & The Staff @ Blossom Creek Memory Care

Rhonda Bellinger - September 30, 2009 at 11:48 AM

JW

“ Hello Family;

I just truly count it a privilege to have had the opportunity to have met and gotten to know your parents. I met them through the purchase of a 15' travel trailer they had out front of their property. They were gracious enough to make a deal where we made them payments and allowed us to come out on Sunday afternoons and work on it until it seemed more presentable. Dorothy was a lovely sweet lady and always insisted we visit her for awhile in the kitchen. Harry on the other hand was always checking up on me and at first I did not know how to take him. After a short while of this it became clear that Harry had a great sense of humor and we just had fun with each other. When Dorothy passed away was when I guess I realized how close those times had gotten our friendship and from that point on our brief visits were always a blessing. Harry always teased me but he always ended up with a sentence or two that were encouraging. I shall not forget my last visit with him, his quick wit still there and those word of encouragement. What a blessing for me. He also taught me about the motorcycle company "Yamaguchi", Although I just knew I needed my rubber boots for that one. He proved me wrong and we had a laugh on me. Now I know alot more about the true roots of five of the dirt bikes I owned. They came right from the company that Harry introduced me to. WOW. Finally, to you the family. Your family has a great heritage through Dorothy and Harry. I really realized that when arranging for the Masonic portion of the graveside services. Then found out how involved they had both been and how many other people they had honored through their years with that organization.

Thank You for sharing Harry and Dorothy with me.

Jeffrey A. Wilson

Jeffrey A. Wilson - September 25, 2009 at 01:26 PM

DR

“ Grandpa, you were so wonderful. Eventhough we lived "far" away I will always remember our time with you. I am so glad that you were able to meet your great-grandchildren while we were stationed in WA. My thoughts and prayers are with all the family. I love you!

Danette

Danette Folkes Rueff - September 15, 2009 at 09:32 AM