



Herman J. Kent

August 7, 1909 - April 17, 2009

Herman J. Kent, 99, a resident of East Wenatchee for over 65 years, passed away Friday, April 17, 2009 at Highline Care Center.

He was born on August 7, 1909 at Newburg, Arkansas to the late Dr. John Frank & Rosa Dovie (Smith) Kent. He was raised and graduated from high school at Newburg, Arkansas. He worked at a variety of jobs including his father's drug and general store, wheat harvests in Kansas, on a surveying team and in the cotton fields, prior to going to work for the Postal Service.

He was married to Maxine Smith at Melbourne, Arkansas on December 25, 1935. They continued to make their home in Newburg where Herman later became Postmaster. When the war effort began, they moved to Marietta, Georgia and Herman worked on the construction of B-17 Bombers, which were being supplied to the allied forces. In the early 1940's they moved to East Wenatchee and he went to work for Ox Team Orchards prior to becoming Foreman at the American Fruit Ranch. He later returned to the United States Postal Service as a Postal Carrier and continued working for the Post Office until retiring in 1976. Following his retirement, they spent time travelling with their RV to California on a number of occasions, to visit their family. On July 24, 2005 he was preceded in death by his wife, Maxine.

Herman was a longtime member of the Okanogan Street Church of Christ and

the King's Orchard Church of Christ. He enjoyed gardening especially his roses, and had a collection of seeds from the south. He was an avid fisherman and would tie his own flies during the off seasons.

He is survived by one son & daughter-in-law, Leon & Sue Kent, Fortuna, CA; two daughters & sons-in-law, Marcella & David Hodges, Shoreline, W A & Joan & Mike Cross, Rancho Cordova, CA; eight grandchildren and eleven great grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his wife, Maxine; his son, Frank Kent; two grandchildren, Ginny Green & Bryan Kent; three sisters, Nola Kent (an infant), Ethel Brockwell & Jewell Blankenship; and one brother, Junie Baker Kent.

Services were held at the Graveside in Evergreen Memorial Park on Tuesday, April 21st at 3:00 p.m. with Pastor Bob Lenderman officiating. Please sign in or leave a memory for the family online by visiting www.heritagememorialchapel.com.

Tribute Wall

DP

“ *Mr. Kent must have been a great Dad to have raised such a wonderful & loving daughter such as you, Joan. What a full life he led. Our thoughts & prayers are with you and your family members at such a difficult time. Your parents are now the Angels looking over you and protecting your family. May Peace & Love be with you. Love, Deb & Ron*

Deb & Ron Payne - May 01, 2009 at 01:39 PM

JR

“ *To the Family of Herman & Maxine Kent - May I offer my sincere condolences at this difficult/sad time. I have good memories of the Kent Family altho I left Wenatchee in 1956 when I married & moved to Pittsburgh, Pa. My family there - Conna & Jeanie(me) Romine, Gordon & Alma Irby and son GA spent happy times at Okanogan Church of Christ services & gatherings to sing & enjoy covered dish dinners. Of course Gordon worked with Herman for many years at the post office, & Mom considered Maxine such a good person & friend. I especially remember Frank as a friend, & attending bible classes with him & Janet & Ted Otto, Joe McBee, Joyce & Cloyce McMcGahey & Lanny Faris kids. My brother, GA in Wenatchee, just e-mailed me today regarding your loss & I had to reach out to you & wish you all peace & hopefully that you also can remember the good memories. God bless, Jeanie*

Jean Rugolsky (Imogene Romine) - April 24, 2009 at 05:35 AM

TK

“ *Patient, Kind, Warm Hearted, and Driven are my words which describe Grandpa Kent in my memories. My memories are endless of Grandpa as we spent many summers together as a family. During these visits which myself and my brothers considered vacations we shared stories, fished from sun rise to sun down, shared wonderful home cooked family meals, and fished some more. We dug worms out off the garden for bait and helped bury the squaw fish in the Rose garden as this was Grandpa's preferred method of fertilizer for the rose beds.*

I learned many life lessons from Grandpa and I am grateful, blessed and extremely proud to be one of his grandchildren.

When Grandpa and Grandma would come to visit us in California I still remember the excitement of waking up in the morning to see their station wagon parked in front of the house knowing they were now here for Thanksgiving or Christmas. They drove straight through from Wenatchee to central California so sometimes they would arrive around 3 or 4 a.m.

I am comforted knowing Grandpa lived a strong healthy Christ like life and he is now living with Grandma surrounded by our lord and savior Jesus Christ.

Your loving and proud grandson,

Tim Kent

Tim Kent - April 22, 2009 at 12:30 PM

SD

“ *My memories of the entire Kent family are such good memories. Such an important part of my growing up years. Marcie I have not seen you for years and years, but you and your family are so often in my thoughts. Loosing a parent is so very hard, but how wonderful that Herman and Maxine are once again together. I pray your family is happy and healthy. With love and friendship, Sandi*

Sandi Dore' - April 22, 2009 at 02:55 AM