



## Hershalee Lee Parham

January 28, 1920 - March 21, 2012

Hershalee Lee "H.L." Parham, 92, a one year Wenatchee resident and former longtime Spokane resident passed away on Wednesday, March 21, 2012 at Blossom Creek in Wenatchee.

He was born on January 28 1920 at Magnolia, Arkansas to the late Bonnie & Minnie Parham. He was raised and schooled in Magnolia Arkansas. He graduated from the Magnolia High School. He entered the U.S. Army on December 23, 1940 and served during WWII. He met Mary Lucille Sodja in Seattle while she was working at Boeing Aircraft company. They were later married in Seattle on April 29, 1944. He received his honorable discharge on July 25, 1945 and they moved to make their home in Spokane. He went to work for Beardsmore Truck Company which later became Consolidated Freightways "CF". He specialized in heavy equipment and oversized load hauling. In the early 1970's he purchased a trucking company "Newsprint Transportation" specializing in transportation of the large paper rolls for the Spokesman Review.

He sold his business to his son, Jack Dennis Parham, in 1985 and together with a nephew they operated the business until the Spokesman Review bought out their business.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Mary Lucille Parham on January 15, 2000. He remained in Spokane until moving to Wenatchee in March of 2011. He loved and enjoyed his grandchildren, helping relatives and friends, especially with carpentry work.

Hershal was a longtime member of the Teamsters union and was a former member of the Spokane Elks Lodge.

He is survived by his daughter and son-in-law, Carole & Chuck Johnson, East Wenatchee; one sister, Ruby Elliott, Klamath Falls, OR; 6 grandchildren, Julie K. Johnson and Gregory C. Johnson both of Redmond, WA, Lisa M. Groh and Stacy L. Kurst-Parham both of Spokane, WA and Gina A. Oliver and Lori L. Runje both of Issaquah, WA; 12 great Grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his wife, Mary Lucille Parham on January 15, 2000; one son, Jack Dennis Parham on February 13, 2009; two sisters and three brothers.

Graveside Inurnment services will be held on June 23, 2012, 1:00pm at the Holy Cross Cemetery, Spokane. Arrangements are in the care of Heritage Memorial Chapel, East Wenatchee.

# Tribute Wall

JP

“ This picture was too long ago for me to remember it, but I'm in it. But the day I'll always remember was the lunch that he and I had in the fall of 2010 at Linda's house with Stacy and Lisa. It was a special time for us all. We all reconnected that day...

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**Jerry Parham** - May 11, 2012 at 09:58 PM

RB

“ I love this photo. Hershhal the "TRUE GENTLEMAN". Hershhal was one of those people you can't help but love the minute you meet him. He was always good for a great bug hug and a kiss on the cheek everytime I saw him. He would say "How is my Girl today"? I enjoyed the sit down talks we had and the dance we shared at a music event. Thank you to his family for entrusting us to care for our dear Hershhal!! He will never be forgotten!! The staff has been very affected by his passing and each and everyone of them loved him like I did. Rhonda Bellinger & The staff at Blossom Creek Memory Care

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**RHONDA BELLINGER** - April 02, 2012 at 05:52 PM

BE

“ I love you Hershhal.

Love,

Robin

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**Bill, Robin, Chad and Lindsey Erickson** - March 24, 2012 at 04:58 PM

LA

“ Of course I have lots of memories of Uncle Hershal. Remembering sitting on your patio on Knox, your scarey basement there, the freezer in Jacks bedroom, the fire behind your house the night I spent the night there, the screwdrivers, him sitting in his chair by the white fireplace at their new house---gosh the list goes on and on!!!! All my love to the Parham family. Laurie

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**Laurie** - March 23, 2012 at 07:41 PM