



## Hershel Hill

September 12, 1926 - May 17, 2016

James "Hershel" Hill, 89, passed away at home in Peshastin, surrounded by his family on May 17, 2016.

Hershel was born on September 12, 1926 to the late James and Maude (Jackson) Hill in Roubidoux, Missouri. In 1941, at the age of 15, Hershel would tell the story of his father loading up the family in the back of a flatbed truck, alongside the cook stove, and moving west, heading to California and up to Washington and settling in Peshastin, Washington. He imagined they looked like a scene out of *The Beverly Hillbillies* sitcom. Hershel met and married Dora Mae while in Licking, Missouri in 1945, they had two children. For many years, Hershel worked for John McCoy, as his Ranch Foreman and learned the orchard business. Years later, he purchased five acres and was able to baby his crop to be the "Best Pears" for the warehouse.

Hershel raised hound dogs and trained them to track. He entered his prize dogs in field trails and earned many ribbons and trophies. His reputation and ingenious training techniques had many people hiring him to train their hounds for them. He loved to hunt, and would take the dogs out daily, if possible, looking for raccoon, cougar, bobcat, and bear.

His children and grandchildren loved Hershel and they enjoyed times spent together telling stories of days gone by or helping care for the ranch and the farm animals.

He is preceded in death by his parents; wife, Dora Mae; brothers, Gene, Lloyd and Floyd Hill and sisters, Audrey Waldrop and Helen Earney.

Hershel leaves behind his son, Charles (Dianne) Hill, Hawley, TX; daughter, Patricia "Pat" Sears, Peshastin; sisters, Ruth (Arlin) Stanfield, Burien, and Maxine Weed, East Wenatchee; brother, Howard (Betty) Hill, Licking, MO; three grandchildren, Paul Hawkins, Peshastin, Lisa Schuyleman, Peshastin, Sean Hill, Hawley, TX and five great grandchildren, Kayla and Kyle Evans, Wenatchee, Shawnda, Misha and Michael Hill, Hawley, TX.

A private service will be held at a later time. You are invited to view his online guestbook at: [www.HeritageMemorialChapel.com](http://www.HeritageMemorialChapel.com) . Arrangements are in the care of Heritage Memorial Chapel, Cashmere.