



## Mahlon L. "Doc" Ulrich

December 10, 1919 - September 9, 2009

Mahlon 'Doc' Ulrich quietly joined his Lord with his family at his side on September 9, 2009 at the age of 89. He was born the fourth child of Lewis E. and Clara Belle Holder Ulrich on December 10, 1919 in the family home at Sunnyslope, Washington. He attended Sunnyslope School, grades one through twelve, graduating in 1937. Mahlon acquired the nickname "Doc" after playing the part of a doctor in a 6th grade play. His first job was at a service station located on Easy Street. Later he worked at the Richfield Station on Wenatchee Ave. with Tom Hartley and Jim Mirabelli. He was employed at Wells & Wade for a time before hiring out as a fireman for the Great Northern Railroad in 1942. Mahlon married Dorothy Irene Stauffer in 1939 and to this union one son, Cary Lewis, was born in 1943. In July of 1944, He entered the armed forces serving in Hawaii, Okinawa, and Korea and was discharged from the army with the rank of Master Sergeant in July of 1946.

In 1948, he married Dorothy Lucille Carlson and in 1951 a second son, Eldon Lloyd, joined the family. Mahlon had many friends and had fun playing practical jokes on them. He played several sports during his school years and especially enjoyed basketball. Following his return from the service he refereed the Valley Basketball League and high school games with Jim Mirabelli, once refereeing a Harlem Globetrotters game when they came to town. Later he and his wife participated in their favorite pastimes, bowling, golfing, and pinochle. He enjoyed working for the Great Northern Railroad and had 29 years of service at the time of his retirement. After retiring, he drove a

delivery truck for Midstate and Nancekivell's Cleaners and volunteered at Betts Funeral Home.

Mahlon is survived by his loving wife Dorothy and two sons Cary (Sharon) Ulrich of Wenatchee and Eldon (Jean) Ulrich of Madison, Wisconsin, five grandchildren, David (Sally) Ulrich of East Wenatchee, Brad Ulrich of East Wenatchee, Tanya (Jason) Strocheim of Wenatchee, and Emily and Melanie Ulrich of Madison, Wisconsin, and three great grandchildren, one nephew, two nieces, and several great nieces and nephews.

Mahlon was preceded in death by his parents, a sister Olive Wilson and two brothers, Herbert and Leland Ulrich and three nephews.

The family would like to thank the many caregivers at Highgate Senior Living for their kind and gentle care.

A memorial celebration will be held at the Wenatchee Brethern Baptist Church United at 7pm on September 19th. A private family interment will be held in the Wenatchee Cemetery. Those who wish may make contributions to the Wenatchee Brethren Baptist Church United, Alzheimer's Foundation, or charity of their choice.

# Tribute Wall

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“ Hello Dot, I have thought of you and Doc often since Marge and I left Highgate. I was always so glad to see you when you visited Doc each day. I will always remember the time I went looking for Marge and she was walking hand in hand with Doc. When she saw me she was beaming and said, "Kathie! I found our Dad!" I took his other hand and we continued walking and having a nice little family reunion. I want you to know that you are in my thoughts and prayers.

*Kathie Teeley (Marge's Daughter)*

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**Kathie Teeley** - September 18, 2009 at 11:56 AM

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“ I enjoyed getting to know Doc when he helped out at Bett's. In those days, I managed the crematory at Jones and Jones (the only crematory in north central Washington Doc always visited with me and we became good friends. Throughout the years since then we have continued to update each other usually at and through funerals. He was always a gentleman and had that specific trademark of his cap. He had two caps the light blue one for warmer weather and the grey wool one for the cool weather. What an honor for me to have been able to have Doc become a friend. Thank you for sharing him.

*Jeff.*

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**Jeffrey A. Wilson** - September 17, 2009 at 01:46 PM