



Merton Morris Hiatt

May 22, 1922 - March 14, 2015

Merton Morris Hiatt was born to Mary Myrtle (Morris) and Leon Elmer Hiatt on May 22, 1922 at Kalispell, Montana. The family came to Dryden in 1929 where they purchased a grocery store. He graduated from Dryden High School as Valedictorian in 1939. He enlisted in the U.S. Army October 1942 and served in the 104th Infantry division in France, Belgium, Holland and Germany. Mert was discharged December 1945 and was a Bronze Star recipient. He then resumed his employment with the Columbia Concrete Pipe Co and later worked as the office manager of Blue Star Growers in Cashmere and for Northwest Fruit Exporters.

Merton was a 49 year member of the Wenatchee Central Lions Club, a 32 degree member of the Masonic Lodges in Wenatchee, the York Rite and Scottish Rite where he was a Knight Commander of the Court of Honor. He was a member of the First United Methodist Church, the Fraternal Order of Eagles and the American Legion of Wenatchee. He was an advanced class amateur ham radio operator with the call sign KD7YR. After retirement, Merton enjoyed traveling to many parts of the United States and the world. He was active in the Wenatchee Valley Senior Center where he had many friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents, his wife Jessie Muriel in 1987, three sisters, Julia Beebe, Mildred June, and Phyllis Harris.

Merton is survived by his sister Joyce Hamilton of Wenatchee; nieces Linda Riesterer and Patti Sparks, Wenatchee; nephews David Lewis, Yakima, Tom Lewis, Renton, Robert Beebe, Arizona, Donald Beebe, Missouri; niece Leone Peterson, Spokane; step children, Dan Shaver, Wenatchee, Bobbie James, Arkansas and his good friend Dorothy Whitson, Wenatchee. A service will be held at the First United Methodist Church, on Thursday, March 19, 2015, 1:00 pm, followed by a Masonic and Military graveside service at the Wenatchee Cemetery.

You are invited to view his online guest book at: www.HeritageMemorialChapel.com . Honored to serve the family, Heritage Memorial Chapel, East Wenatchee.

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“ My deepest sympathy to the family of Merton at this most difficult time.
I have fond memories of family Christmas gatherings at their home. He was married to my Grandmother, Murial. I will always remember him taking my son, Jesse, and spending time with him. Teaching him how to use the HAM radio. He was a good man.
I am sorry I missed the funeral, but just recently found out.
You will all be in my thoughts and prayers.
In Sympathy, Kathy

Kathy Allen - March 26, 2015 at 05:40 PM

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“ Love you grandpa and miss you very much.
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