



Orville Merle Minske

November 17, 1930 - March 28, 2014

Orville M. Minske, 83, a 41 year Wenatchee resident, passed away on Friday, March 28, 2014 at Lakeridge Care Center in Moses Lake, following an extended illness.

He was born on November 17, 1930, at Hitchcock, S. Dakota to the late Rueben and Marie (Sheidegger) Minske. He was raised in Hitchcock where he received his schooling and graduated from the Hitchcock High School with the class of 1948. While in high school he played basketball on the school team. Following graduation from high school, Orville went to work for the Culligan Water Company and became a "Culligan Man". He later accepted a job with the Bureau of Reclamation in South Dakota. In 1966, he went to work for the U.S. Forest Service and moved to Cashmere. He moved to Wenatchee in 1970 and during this time he met Betty E. Ethridge of Leavenworth. They were married on June 30, 1973 in Wenatchee where they have continued to make their home together.

Orville continued working for the U.S. Forest Service and became an Engineer as well as an Inspector. He retired in 1993 and together, he and Betty enjoyed RV camping in their motorhome.

Oroville had been an active member of the Masonic Lodge in Hitchcock, South Dakota.

He enjoyed hunting, fishing and snowmobiling. Oroville loved elk hunting and especially elk camp. He always went up one week early to set up camp with his big tent. He also enjoyed fishing for perch at Fish Lake.

He is survived by his wife, Betty E. Minske, Wenatchee; two sons, Norman "Norm" (Loey) Minske, Omaha, Nebraska and Terrance "Terry" Minske, Wenatchee; two step-daughters, Margaret (John) Cahoon, Cashmere and Janice "Jan" (Dale) Ward, East Wenatchee; one brother, Delbert (Ruth Ann) Minske, Huron, S. Dakota; 10 grandchildren and 7 great grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents, two sisters, Lorraine Hofer and one infant sister and two brothers, Dewey and Eldon Minske and infant son, Ricky. A Commemoration Service will be held on Thursday, April 3, 2014, 12:00pm at Heritage Memorial Chapel, 19 Rock Island Road, East Wenatchee, with Pastor Shon Ramey officiating. Visitation will be at the funeral home on Wednesday from 2 to 7 p.m. You are invited to visit his tribute online at www.HeritageMemorialChapel.com . Arrangements are in the care of Heritage Memorial Chapel, East Wenatchee.

Tribute Wall

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“ *Betty,*

We were so sorry to hear about Uncle Orville. I have so many good memories of spending time with both of you, especially when we stayed with you in Wenatchee so many years ago. I had forgotten that his birthday was the same day as Marissa's.

Our thoughts, love, and prayers are being sent your way. Jill, Kevin, and Marissa Minske.

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