



Royal Hale Biles

April 8, 1930 - March 31, 2012

Royal H. Biles, 81, a Wenatchee Valley resident for over 60 years, passed away on Saturday, March 31, 2012 at RiverWest Retirement Community in Wenatchee.

He was born on April 8, 1930 at Gid, Arkansas to the late Sanford and Zada (Moser) Biles. He was raised in the Gid and Melbourne area and attended school at Mount Pleasant. During the late 1930's and through the 1940's, he made the seasonal trips to Wenatchee, along with his family to work the seasonal fruit jobs. In 1950, he went to work at Keokuk smelter in Rock Island and was employed there at the time he entered the U.S. Army in May of 1952. Royal served as a M.P. and motor pool mechanic with the Occupational Forces in Europe in Austria and Italy during the Korean Conflict and received his honorable discharge in May of 1954. He was married to Freda Bernice Johnson on May 15, 1954 at Portageville, Missouri. They made their first home together in Wenatchee and Royal returned to his job at Keokuk. He continued working through the ownership and name changes to Hannah Mining and Silicon Metal Tech. He retired in 1992 as a Control Room Operator. After he retired, they moved to his family's homestead near Melbourne, Arkansas, until injuries received in an automobile accident forced his return. They returned to make East Wenatchee their home in 1994. He was preceded in death by his wife of 52 years, Freda on August 22, 2006. He has since made his home in East Wenatchee.

Royal was a former member of the Wenatchee Fraternal Order of Eagles,

Aerie # 204.

He enjoyed woodworking, fishing, playing the slot machines, growing tomatoes and feeding the birds and squirrels. He was a self-taught musician that played the guitar, piano and harmonica and was widely known as a good "Backyard Mechanic". One of Royal's greatest joys was being surrounded by his children, grandchildren and great grandchildren and he immensely enjoyed the backyard barbecues with family and friends.

He is survived by three children and their spouses, Freda & Mike Houle, Benton City, WA, Mike & Jean Biles, East Wenatchee and Patricia "Trisha" Osborn and her fiancée, Tony Rosa of Wenatchee; 9 grandchildren, 29 great grandchildren and 1 great great grandchild. He was preceded in death by his wife; Freda, his parents, sister; Angelea Eakes and three brothers; infant Pal Biles, Edmund and Ephraim Biles.

The family sends "A special thank you to hospice nurses Debbie & Ginny, Dr. Toby Long and Royal's wonderful neighbors."

A commemoration service will be held on Saturday, April 7th at 1:00 p.m. at Heritage Memorial Chapel, with Chaplain Scott Langager officiating. Memorial donations in his name are suggested to the Hospice Foundation of N.C.W. c/o P.O. Box 3406, Wenatchee, WA 98807, for the Future Hospice House. Online condolences and memories may be left for the family at www.HeritageMemorialChapel.com. Arrangements are in the care of Heritage Memorial Chapel, East Wenatchee.

Tribute Wall

CP

“ Dear Trisha,
Thank you for sharing me this special memorial page. You have share, often, over the last year how much you love your father. I saw and heard from you about all the special things you enjoyed with him and the different things you did for him. Even though I never got the chance to meet him, I feel that I got to know some of who he was through you! He was a great dad and a friend to you, and you honored him! I know that he was blessed to have had you as his daughter. I believe he has left you and your family a valuable legacy of love, honor and respect. Many blessings to you and your family. I will be looking for you in church! Love, Carolyn Perry

Carolyn Perry - April 13, 2012 at 02:12 PM

FW

“ I met Royal in 1975, when I went to work at Hanna Minning. The fun began then and was ongoing between us and our time around each other. I couldn't be around him for very long before i started talking like him with his "twang", that he brought from down south, We would get to laughing untill we had tears running down our cheeks. he always said " if you don't have a sense of humor. life isn't worth much." He was a true friend and always had a smile. We had a Kangaroo egg farm together,in Austraila, that we made a lot of money from. Made more profit when the eggs were ripe and they were striped with polka dots. Those sold for a dollar eleventy eight per egg and there were always a half egg in the purchase so that the customer woun't feel cheated. He helped me find parts for my "1946 Jaguar Pickup" that was stored in Yakima. that way no one except him and I knew where it was. It has since been sold to one of the mangers of the Kangaroo egg farm. Royal, and I, NEVER, told any lies to anyone except, "sometimes" ... He could tell a story, clear to the end an never crack a smile.... then when he knew that he had you "hooked", he would bust out laughing. Rest in piece Royal.I know that he recieved the Lord and was at peace with his future. May the family always realise what a great friend he was to all of us, who worked with him and knew him away from work.

Fred Willsey - April 07, 2012 at 03:28 PM

DW

“ I worked with Royal at a time when the Company and the Union were in labor negotiations and early one morning on our scheduled day off, Royal shows up saying he had some bad news and that we were on strike. Then he sat there with his "poker-face" on, and paused. Then he started chuckling and said " April Fool's". Then I realized that it was April 1st. The joke was on me.
I would tease him too, saying that he was sitting in his chair on the riverbank in Rock Island and they built the plant around him, so they had to hire him. That made him chuckle.
I could hear the pride he had for all of his children when he would share stories, especially for Mike. He was proud of all of you. He will be missed. He was definitely "one of a kind".

Danny Whaley - April 07, 2012 at 02:36 PM

WI

“ Great pictures. Thanks for sharing them with us.
We send our love and prayers to all.
Everett and Willow

Willow - April 07, 2012 at 01:17 PM

SS

“ of all my uncles i will miss him most.

sandy sherrer - April 06, 2012 at 04:32 PM

GM

“ God Bless Him

Glenda & Holly McHenry - April 03, 2012 at 02:35 PM