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OBITUARIES

Oris "Orie" Walton Dunham, Sr. 87



Born in Bronaugh, Mo. on Feb. 27, 1915, Oris Walton Dunham, Sr. was the son of Orville and Mabel Dunham. He died on April 1, 2002.

After serving in the Navy during World War II, he settled in Bonners Ferry, Id. and Spokane, Wash. where he worked for the Spokane International Railroad for 35 years.

Upon retirement, he and his wife Annabelle moved to Mentone, Calif. until her death in 1991.

Returning to Missouri with his two sisters for a high school reunion, he met and married Myrtle Lent, who had been a classmate 55 years earlier. Following her death, he returned to Washington and lived the last few years in Bellevue.

He will always be remembered for his friendly good humor and easy going ways as well as his enduring love of sports, particularly the Seattle Mariners.

Preceded in death by his wives Virginia Higgins of Nevada, Mo., Annabelle Southard of Bonners Ferry, and Myrtle Lent of Moundville Mo.

Survived and dearly loved by his sisters Olene Mc Crary, Leone Keith (Paul) and his children Oris Dunham, Jr. (Sylvia) of Bellevue, Wash. and Deanna Dunham Garrard (Pat) of Amarillo, Texas, as well as numerous nephews and a niece.

Visitation was held Sunday April 7, at Heritage Funeral Home, 508 Government Way, Spokane Wash. Services were held graveside Monday, April 8, at Riverside - Greenwood Cemetery, 211 N. Government Way, Spokane, Wash.

In lieu of flowers remembrances may be made to a favorite charity, American Heart Association or Hopelink, 16225 N.E. 87th Street, Redmond, Wash. 98073, Attn: Linda Benson.