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Percy Farnam, Local Contractor, Succumbs Tuesday

Percy Emerson Farnam, 38, Bonnors Ferry contractor, passed away Tuesday morning, July 16, at the hospital following a protracted illness.

He was born September 4, 1924 at Tekoa, Wash., to Orville and Parilla Lane Farnam. He spent his childhood in Tekoa and in the Bonnors Ferry area, attending school in Copeland, later graduating from North Central high school in Spokane.

On March 19, 1943, he entered the U. S. Army, serving in the South Pacific with the 57th Battalion, Combat Engineers until December of 1945, when he received his honorable discharge.

Following his service discharge he moved to Lewiston, where he trained and received his license as a pilot. He came to Bonnors Ferry, and operated his own construction and contracting company. In June of 1951 he was married to Janet Shurtleiff here in Bonnors Ferry, and they were later divorced.

He recently was engaged to Mrs. Lois Dickerson of Bonnors Ferry, and they were planning to be married later this year.

He was a member of the Methodist church, American Legion Boundary Post No. 55, the Knights of Pythias and the Elks Lodge.

Survivors include one son, Neil of Eunice, La.; three daughters, Lea Ann, of Bonnors Ferry; and Kay and Patty of Eunice; his parents, Orville Farnam of Lewiston, and Mrs. Parilla Farnam of Coeur d'Alene; and a brother, Robert, of Imperial Beach, Calif.

Services will be held Friday, July 19 at 11:00 a.m. at the Hillcrest Memorial chapel with Rev. M. Wesley Arms officiating. Vocalist will be Robert Allured accompanied by Mrs. Arthur Campbell at the organ. Pallbearers are Hollice J. Smith, Clayton Trowse, William Dickerson, Edward Funkhouser, Alan Van Eiten and Marion Davidson.

Military graveside sites will be conducted by American Legion Boundary Post No. 55 and Knights of Pythias Lodge, with interment following in Grandview cemetery.