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## OBITUARIES

# Howard Edward Hedgecock, 79

Howard Edward Hedgecock, 79, passed away at his home on July 7, 2004 after an extended illness.



Services were held on Saturday July 10, 2004 at 2 p.m. in the Nazarene Church at Bonners Ferry, Idaho with internment following in the Grandview Cemetery.

Howard was born on Nov. 7, 1924 in Bonners Ferry, Idaho to Lucius W. and Martha L. Hedgecock. He attended schools in Bonners Ferry and entered the U.S. Army on Jan. 30, 1943 and served in WWII where he received three Bronze Stars and a Purple Heart.

After his discharge, he received his GED and attended a technical college in Chicago, Ill.

He worked for Carmack Mill until being called back to serve in the Korean Conflict. During the Korean conflict. He received two additional Bronze stars and another Purple Heart.

After his discharge, he went to work for the Spokane International Railroad in 1955. Howard worked as a heavy equipment operator and worked on many of the railroad bridges in the area.

He continued to work for the railroad until retiring from the Union Pacific Railroad in 1987.

Howard married Barbara Belden on Oct. 7, 1961 in Spokane, Wash., and Howard raised her four children as if they were his own.

Throughout his life he enjoyed the out-of-doors around Bonners Ferry and North Idaho, hunting, fishing, wood-working, but most of all he loved the time spent with his

grandchildren.

Survivors include his wife, Barbara Hedgecock of Bonners Ferry, Id.; son Mark Hedgecock and wife Michelle of Spokane, Wash.; daughter Carleen Mills and husband Bob of Shelton, Wash.; son Steven Hedgecock and wife Kei of Okinawa, Japan; son Michael Hedgecock of Edmonds, Wash., Gary Hedgecock and wife Marsha of Lake Stevens, Wash.; daughter Bobbi Swilley and husband Tim of Bonners Ferry, Idaho; and son Kyle Hedgecock of Lake Stevens, Wash. He is also survived by grandchildren: Donnie, Erick, Jake, Teddie Rose, Eric, Mitzi, Mikey, Brent, Breea, Brittney, Hunter, Tyler, R.J., Danyl, Allen and great-granddaughter Naomi. He was preceded in death by his parents, Lucius and Martha Hedgecock, and his brother, Dick Hedgecock.