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Dawrence LeRoy Holmes, 86

Dawrence LeRoy Holmes began his life on Aug. 20, 1919. He was born at the home of his parents, Fahy and Alma Holmes, in Utica, Kansas.



He spent his early years growing up on the Kansas prairie. After graduating from high school he moved to Denver, Colo., at the age of 19. He started his lifelong career as a carpenter at the Supreme Cabinet Company.

Soon after that he met his

lifelong love of his life, Evelyn Ruth Bachli. It was a marriage that began Nov. 30, 1941 and lasted 63 years. Together they had three children: Sandra Lee Holmes (deceased), Ray LeRoy Holmes, and Sharon Kay (Holmes) Fitzgerald.

Dawrence was a World War II veteran and served his country as a Carpenter's Mate 1st Class in the United States Navy aboard the aircraft carrier, the USS Nassau from Feb. 26, 1942 to Sept. 18, 1945.

At the urging of family and friends Dawrence and Evelyn moved to Bonners Ferry, Idaho in August, 1967.

They were told, "You might not become millionaires... but you'll never go hungry!" Both predictions came true.

For the next 38 plus years his whole life revolved around his family (immediate and extended), being a carpenter, building or remodeling many homes in Boundary County, maintaining his home, running his tractor, planting a garden, fishing every now and then, building lots of bird feeders, helping his friends, relatives and neighbors and always... always thinking ahead about what project he wanted to start next. He never lacked for ideas, and when he wasn't thinking... he was doing.

His life ended quietly, at the age of 86, on Oct. 8, 2005 at Kootenai Medical Center, Coeur d'Alene, Idaho. He will be forever fondly remembered by his wife, Evelyn, his son and daughter-in-law, Ray and Beth Holmes,

his daughter, Sharon Fitzgerald, his grandchildren, Nerissa Frahm (husband-David), Justin Holmes, Liberty Harris, and David Holmes (wife-Beth). His great-grandchildren: Zachary, Benjamin, Robert, Samantha, and Jessica. Also, his brothers, Darrell Homes (wife-Agnes) and Ray Holmes (wife-Thelma).

He will also be fondly remembered by all the friends he made along the way. A memorial service will be held at Bonners Ferry Funeral Home on Saturday, Oct. 15, 2005, at 11 a.m. with a pot luck meal to follow at the home of Evelyn Holmes in Paradise Valley, Bonners Ferry.

HE KEPT HIS TOOLS SHARP AND HE DID THINGS, BY GOD, EXACTLY!!!