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Harlan 'Edwin' Honeycutt, 98

Former Bonners Ferry resident, Harlan E. Honeycutt, died Wednesday, March 30, 2005.

Edwin was born May 30, 1906, the second son of Mike and Zylphia Barnhart Honeycutt, in North Loop, Nebraska. He began work at age 5 riding a plowhorse to help his father with the plowing. Times were tough, money was scarce. To help the family make ends meet, Edwin dropped out of school at age 13, and began working full time. He loved music and played the banjo and harmonica. He and his family played for barn dances. One evening he met Ellen Rich and, on a dare, asked her out. The rest, you might say, is history. They were married in 1931. Ellen and Edwin homesteaded in Nebraska and Wyoming. Their two sons, Harlan and Burton (Eugene) were born in Nebraska. In 1943, they moved to Bonners Ferry where their daughter, Rita, was born. Edwin farmed and worked at the local sawmill, finally retiring from the Union Pacific/Spokane

International Railroad in 1971 after 25 years.

Ellen and Edwin loved to dance. Most Saturday nights, you would find them in Sandpoint at the Eagles Auxiliary with friends, Selma and Clarence Peterson, or at the Senior Citizen dances. Ellen was active at the Bonners Ferry Senior Citizen Center and Edwin liked to play pool with friends there.

In 1978, Burton died as a result of heart damage associated with Rheumatic Fever. In 1987, Harlan died of a heart attack. In 1993, wanting to be near their daughter, Ellen and Edwin moved to Emmett, ID. Ellen died in August, 1999. They had been married 68 years. Edwin has lived with Rita and her family in Meridian, Idaho, since Ellen's death.

Edwin was preceded in death by his parents; infant siblings, Arthur and Jennie Elizabeth, and brothers Ivan, Everett and John Honeycutt; wife, Ellen; sons and daughters-in-law, Harlan and Avis

Honeycutt and Burton and Bee Honeycutt. He is survived by his daughter and son-in-law, Rita and Roy Galbreaith, Meridian, ID; Harlan's children and their spouses: James and Susan Honeycutt; Richard Honeycutt, all of Spokane, WA; Mary Ellen and Stephen Meggs, Vancouver, Wash.; Burton's daughters: Michael, Chrystal and Brendalyn Honeycutt, Fairfax, Va.; Rita's children and their spouses: Jeremy and Stephanie Galbreaith, Idaho Falls, Idaho; and Jennifer and Kevin Reade, Boise; great grandchildren: Kristopher, Bryce and Emma Meggs; Benjamin, Kayla and David Honeycutt; Ian Michael Galbreaith.

There will be no service at Edwin's request. If you are wondering how to remember Edwin, next time you hear a waltz, take time to enjoy it; when offered a choice of desserts, have some of each; and always make sure your neighbors have fresh vegetables from your garden