



Arnold "Arnie" Jones

June 28, 1927 - August 11, 2019

Arnold "Arnie" Jones passed away on August 11, 2019 at the age of 92 due to complications of old age. Arnie was born in Port Angeles, Washington to Lloyd and Laila (Carl) Jones on June 28 1927. The Jones family moved to Cashmere in the early 1930's. Arnold graduated from Cashmere in 1945 where he was involved in student government, athletics and band. Upon graduation he was drafted into the army and served two years earning the rank of staff sergeant.

In 1949, he married Betty McClimans and made their home in Cashmere. During the early fifties Arnie worked for Uecker Ford Dealers and for Blue Star Growers. In the late 50's he begin working at the Cashmere Post Office and worked there as a mail carrier and clerk for the next 31 years retiring in the late 80's to the family pear orchard, Pear-Pine Orchards. In the 1960's Arnie began a twenty-six year career in officiating high school and junior college football games. Also, during this time he was a member of the American Legion Drum and Bugle Core. During this time Arnie and with fellow Legionnaire, Robert Parsons, had an integral role in building the present day Cashmere Legion Hall. Arnold was honored for having 70 years of continuing membership to the American Legion and 60 year membership to Masons. In the early 1970's Arnie with his brother Don joined together and bought their first pear orchard, A&D Orchards, off Eels Road in Cashmere. In 1985, Betty passed away. To ease some of the pain with Betty being gone; Arnold took up skeet/clay bird shooting. He shot on a regular basis up to his late 80's. In 1991, Arnie married Lorene Parsons until her passing in 2007. They enjoyed widespread travelling together.

Arnold was preceded in death by his parents, brother Don and wives Betty and Lorene. Arnold is survived by his children, Dale (Carrie) of Cashmere, Debby (Don) of Wenatchee; two grandsons; and five great grandchildren. The family would like to thank the staff at Avamere Retirement Home for their quality care and understanding.

Graveside service was held on Thursday, August 11 at the Cashmere Cemetery. A Celebration for Arnie will be held by his family at his Wenatchee home located at 1920 Skyline Drive on Saturday, September 14 from 2 to 5 p.m.