



Everett G Vance

November 18, 1915 - December 29, 2009

Everett Guy Vance, 94, of Tonasket, passed away December 29, 2009, at the Wenatchee Valley Hospital, following complications from the return of prostate cancer treated previously in 1996. He was born November 18, 1915, near Harrington, WA, to Guy and Kate Vance. The oldest of four children, he spent his childhood on the family ranches. He attended grade school at the Lone Pine School at South Leahy, WA. In 1930, the family moved to Aeneas Valley, so the children could attend schools in Tonasket. Everett attended four years of high school there and graduated in 1934, after which, he attended Kinman Business School in Spokane for one year. Upon his return to Tonasket, he worked at the First National Bank for a time. In 1937, he met his future wife at a dance at Wauconda. He married Erna Rose Heim on March 12, 1938. They were married for 59 years until her death in 1997. He had several jobs prior to ownership and working in the service station business. They lived 'in town', where their four children were born. In 1957, they purchased an orchard south of Tonasket and farmed there for over 40 years. He continued to farm with son, Norman and danced regularly, even until the past few months. The past two years, he has lived at the Tonasket Assisted Living, five months during the winter, with enjoyment of staff, residents and the convenience of location and meals!

He was preceded in death by his parents; one brother, Clifford; and one grandson, Ryan. Survivors include one brother, Arnold of Richland; one sister Vera of Vancouver; one daughter, Patty of Longview, TX; and three sons,

Monte of Okanogan, Norman of Riverside and Larry of Cashmere. There are nine grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren; and many nieces and nephews.

Everett's life was spent being a good husband, father and provider for his family. Work was the primary focus of his life. He was very vocal about his belief in God and His son, Jesus. During the last hours he could speak, he spoke to those at the hospital of these things, his love and thankfulness.

Special thanks go to all the medical professionals at the Wenatchee Valley Clinic and Hospital for their loving care.

A Memorial Service will be held at the Tonasket Community Church some time in March, with Burial in the Tonsaket Cemetery. There will be a gathering of remembrance and fellowship to follow at the church fellowship hall. Please express your thoughts and memories on the online guestbook at jonesjonesbetts.com. Arrangements by Jones & Jones ~ Betts Funeral Home, Wenatchee.

Tribute Wall



“ *Larry, we are sorry for your loss. Our thoughts are with you.*
-The Precht family

Kevin Precht - January 07, 2010 at 11:12 AM



“ *Everett's mother was my Grandfather George Nilles' sister. I met Everett for the first time at a Nilles' family reunion in Mansfield in 2008. What a treat it was to meet this dear man and by the time the reunion was over, I felt I had known him for years. He was quite proud that day to be honored as the oldest in attendance. I remember particularly his wonderful smile and feeling immediately he was a very special individual. I feel blessed to be part of his large extended family.*

*Maxine Wood
Okanogan, WA*

Maxine Wood - January 06, 2010 at 11:36 PM

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“ I met Everett (or as I know him) grandpa through my job at Chelan Fruit. I am a seasonal fruit receiver during the apple and pear harvest months in Okanogan Wa and grandpa would come in with loads of fruit with Norm once in a while. I will always remember his kind gentle soul. He was a wonderful man and I will surely miss his hugs and kisses that I would get when I saw him. When I would get a kiss from him, and he would say to me, "ya know? I always liked blondes". He was so so sweet and I will forever hold these and other fond memories of him in my heart. It's hard to believe that someone I didn't get to see very often, has left such an impact upon his passing, but that was grandpa, you only had to meet him once and you had a friend for life.....Grandpa, I will always be grateful for having met such a wonderful, wonderful man. May God be with you
Della Adams
Riverside Washington

Della Adams - January 05, 2010 at 09:22 AM

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Taken in 2008 at the Nilles Family Reunion, Mansfield, WA

Janie Edwards - January 04, 2010 at 02:37 PM

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“ *I didn't meet Everett until a family reunion in 2008 and I'm so sorry I didn't get the chance to know him sooner. He was a first class gentleman. I feel cheated that I don't have all of those fun memories that most of you have of him, but I guess the important thing is he made such a positive impression on me that I won't forget.*

*Janie Edwards
Washington, TX*

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Good looking cousins!

Janie Edwards - January 06, 2010 at 12:25 PM

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“ When I was a little girl, before I went to school, I spent every day with Everett at the service station and with my Uncle Bob who ran the liquor store in the same building as the service station. They would let me stand on the hoist for cars and run it up and down; put me inside of tires and roll me around; tie one end of a jump rope to the post holding the hose to check tires and spin it so I could jump rope. Everett would let me eat the candy bars for sale and when I got tired of them, he would let me eat boxes of cough drops. He let me do whatever I wanted to do, and I loved him dearly for that. He was a gentleman in every sense of the word and I had the highest respect for him. On my wedding day, I held my emotions until Everett came through the receiving line and said, "Oh, my little Bobbi" and I lost it completely. I loved to watch him dance and was so happy when I got to dance with him. In later years, it seemed the only times we saw Everett was at funerals for friends, but he always knew us and would give us hugs. My heart breaks for the family, but I smile now because I know that there is a wonderful dance going on in heaven and Everett is leading the crowd. It is certainly Heaven's gain and our great loss. Thank you for letting me share.
Bobbi (Rubert) Weller and Gene Weller

Roberta Weller - January 03, 2010 at 06:58 PM