



Floyd Morrow

February 4, 1944 - November 16, 2017

Floyd Morrow passed away on November 16 at Columbia Heights in Wenatchee. Born February 4, 1922 in Palmer Mountain, Washington, to Charley Morrow and Vera Crous, Floyd spent his early years on his family's apple orchard, outside of Omak, Washington. His father built houses in Okanogan County, some of which are still standing to this day. Floyd lived with his parents, and his six brothers and one sister. When he was growing up, Floyd and his family fished and hunted bringing home deer, moose, bear and grouse for the family table. All the children worked in the family garden, and helped raise the pigs, cows, goats and chickens on their small farm. Floyd remembered cutting hay by hand with a sickle. He was home-schooled until his father and a neighbor built a one-room log cabin schoolhouse. He and 12 other community children in grades 1-9 attended this school. In the winter, Floyd would ski or snowshoe to get to school first, since he was responsible for starting a fire in the big-bellied stove to warm the room and thaw out the water and ink wells. In his last year of school, he worked as the school's janitor.

In 1940, Floyd joined the CCC for 6 months, serving in Camp Pell, Leavenworth, and Camp Elwa in Port Angeles where he fought fires, planted trees and built roads and parks. In 1941, Floyd joined the Navy and went to San Diego CA for basic training. He shipped out to join a large convoy, which went to Africa, England, and Ireland. Floyd was sent to Ireland for 32 months as a cook. He eventually returned to the US, to New York and then to North

Fork, VA, and Charleston, SC. He ended up on a seagoing tug as a cook with 32 men on board. In 1946, Floyd left the Navy and moved to Wenatchee. He married Lorelie Ogle, and they were married for 25 years. They had two daughters, Terrie and Debbie. During those years, he worked as a lineman with the phone company, working to remove all the crank wood phones in Brewster, Bridgeport, Mansfield and Chelan and replaced them with dial phones. In 1950 he was called back into the Navy, where he was stationed throughout Asia over the next seven years. He then lived in Seattle and worked for the military for eight years, building large crates and pallets suitable for shipping cargo to Alaska. After that he returned to Wenatchee and worked for the TV Company for six years until retiring in 1976. Not one to stop working, Floyd went to work at Garden Terrace as a handyman and helping in the yard. He grew strawberries, cabbage, tomatoes, potatoes, carrots, radish and lettuce in his backyard garden, and shared a lot of his harvest with others, working for the Wenatchee Food Bank for eight years. In 1972, Floyd married Lilian Tayen. They had been married for 15 years when she passed away in 1987. Three years later, he married Velma Malissos and moved into her Franklin Street house. Velma had two sons, John and Tom Malissos. Velma and Floyd kept busy volunteering and doing things for children: Velma babysat, and Floyd did wood working projects, making baby cribs, doll cribs, picture frames and Christmas scenes.

Floyd and Velma enjoyed traveling all over the country, especially to the USS Ranger reunions that were held every year. Floyd especially enjoyed a trip to Alaska to see Velma's son Tom, where they went fishing on the Bering Sea for halibut and on a lake where he got some nice salmon. They went on several cruises to the Bahamas, Puerto Rico and Mexico. Eventually they sold the house on Franklin Street and moved into Columbia Heights. While he was there, Floyd started working with the "Hat Project", making over 1000 hats to warm the hearts and heads of children in the Wenatchee Valley. He was eventually honored with a special certificate, thanking him for his dedication to this project. His wife Velma passed away in May of 2017. Floyd is survived by

his daughters, Terri Pitts of Chehalis, and Debbie Harris (Melvin) of North Bend. He was blessed with six granddaughters, nine great-grandchildren, and four great-great grandsons. He was much loved and will be dearly missed.

Cemetery Details

Evergreen Memorial Park

1301 10th St NE
East Wentatchee, WA 98802
(509) 884-4651

Previous Events

Celebration of Life Service

DEC 2. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (PT)

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