



Howard R. Black

May 13, 1921 - February 12, 2013

Howard R. Black, 91, of Mansfield, passed away on Tuesday, February 12, 2013.

He was a lifetime Waterville and Mansfield resident and he was a wheat farmer in Mansfield for many years and also worked for the Washington State Department of Transportation, retiring in 1986.

A Celebration of Life Service will be held on Saturday, Feb. 23, 2013 at 2:00 p.m. at Mansfield Public School. Private Family Burial was held at Mansfield Cemetery.

Please express your thoughts and memories on the online guest book at jonesjonesbetts.com. Arrangements are by Waterville Funeral Home.

Tribute Wall

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“ I am so sorry to hear of Howard's passing. I remember one time on a snowy winter evening, Monty, Chris Hanson, I believe Terry Tanneberg and I were cruising back and forth through town in my 65 mustang. You know, one of those busy nights in Mansfield. As we headed out toward Lyle's grain elevator to turn around, I shifted down while going a bit too fast and slid right into the ditch before any of us knew what was happening. Snow was packed next to both doors, so getting out was a bit of a struggle. The only choice was to walk back to town, since there wasn't much chance of catching a ride. As we finished our walk into town Howard was just arriving at the little shop on Main Street in the state snow plow. We told him where we left the car , so he gave us a ride back out to my car. His comment was , "It looks like you just drove into the ditch", which was pretty close to correct. He hooked a chain to the back of the mustang and with a little tug of the state truck my car was back up on the road none the worse for wear. Probably a good thing that car can't tell other stories. He suggested I keep it on the road the rest of the night as he headed off east toward Sim's Corner. I'm not sure he ever mentioned anything to my dad, if he did I never heard about it. As I said that night.

"Thank you, Howard!"

Jack McGrath

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