



Paul David Rhodes

October 25, 1921 - March 22, 2012

Paul David Rhodes died on Friday, March 23, 2012 at the age of 90. Paul was born October 25, 1921 in Nampa, Idaho to Mr. and Mrs. Roy and Chlora (Metzger) Rhodes. His childhood was spent living on a wheat farm in Alberta, Canada and an orchard in Oroville, Washington. In August of 1942 he was drafted into the U.S. Army where he built and repaired air fields in North Africa, Sardinia, Corsica, France, and Italy.

After the war ended, Paul returned to Oroville. In 1949 he married Joyce Virginia Nelson. While they worked and lived on their small apple orchard in Oroville, daughters Carolyn and Ann were born. Paul used the GI Bill to learn to fly and then to attend Wenatchee Valley Junior College, eventually moving with Joyce and the girls to the University of Washington where he obtained his degree in civil engineering. He was a proud Husky! They lived briefly in Bellingham, then moved to Wenatchee in 1958 where daughter Barbara was born.

Paul worked for the Washington State Department of Transportation as District Design Engineer up until his retirement in 1983. Projects that he particularly enjoyed included the Stevens Pass and North Cascade Highways, the Wenatchee urban area complex and Interstate 90. In retirement he enjoyed traveling and volunteer work for his church, Calvary Bible where he was a long-time member, and in the public schools.

Paul was a generous man, cheerful and kind, to stranger, friend and family alike. He seemed only to get sweeter with age. He always seemed to be surprised by his good fortune, especially when it came to being married to Joyce, his wife of 58 years. He had a quick sense of humor and many of his sentences were ended by his easy chuckle. He dearly loved his family and spoke often of that love.

He is survived by his daughter and son-in-law, Carolyn and Wes Hunter, of Wenatchee; daughter and son-in-law, Ann and Keith Miya, of Renton; daughter and son-in-law, Barbara and Scott Anderson, of Renton; grandchildren Paul and Heidi Hunter, Kelli (Hunter) and Aaron Reynolds, Eric Miya, Claire and Peter Anderson; 3 great grand-children David and Karyss Reynolds and Hayden Hunter. He is also survived by his brother and sister-in-law, Harry and Kay Rhodes, of Boise, Idaho; brother-in-law George West of Poulsbo, Washington; sister-in-laws Marilyn Canfield and Carol Plagerman and many nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his wife, Joyce Nelson Rhodes; sister and brother-in-law Betty and Bud Hubbard; and sister Joan West and beloved in-laws Robert and Marjorie Nelson; Robert and Barbara Notson; Robert Canfield; and Donald Plagerman.

A memorial service will be held at 11:00 a.m. on Saturday, March 31, 2012 at Calvary Bible Church in Wenatchee.

Arrangements are by Jones & Jones~Betts Funeral Home.

Please express your thoughts and memories for the family on the online memorial website at www.jonesjonesbetts.com

Previous Events

Service

MAR 31. 11:00 AM (PT)

Calvary Bible Church
605 First Street
Wenatchee, WA 98801
(509) 662-2818
<http://www.calvarybiblewenatchee.org>

Tribute Wall

CM

“ Our thoughts and prayers to the family. Paul was as interesting to listen to and to visit with as he was in his kindness, consideration and caring for others. His love of family was obvious, as was his love of his "hobbies", i.e. air shows, candy making, etc. Enjoyed Paul's presence at the Dept. of Highways, professional, gentlemanly and yet had a kind sense of humor. He will be missed.

Charles & Darlene Meischke - April 01, 2012 at 10:46 PM

VB

“ Paul was a much loved volunteer at Newbery School when I worked there. He gave me timely advice and exhibited a lot of patience working with young boys & their computer skills & reading. I am volunteering there now loving kids the way he did. My former in-laws, Tom & Katherine Lees enjoyed many years of christian fellowship with Paul at Calvary Bible Church as did my dear friend Lael Sutherland. We'll all see him again before long. Adios, my friend. Ginger Beler

Virginia Lees Beler - March 31, 2012 at 12:11 PM

RA

“ Dear family,
May God bless you richly as you come to terms with Paul's death and celebrate his life on Saturday. The thoughts and prayers of the members and friends of Steel Lake Presbyterian Church remain with you all.

The peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always.

Rev. Brent Anderson - March 29, 2012 at 11:31 PM

TH

“ I remember Mr. Rhodes from my days of living in Wenatchee as a young person and attending Calvary Bible. I enjoyed knowing the Rhodes family and always held them in high regards. Blessings to the entire family as you walk through your grief. May God give you all peace.



Toby Berger Hopper - March 29, 2012 at 02:44 PM

DT

“ Both my husband and I worked at the State Highway Dept. with Paul. He was a very nice, polite and friendly man. I did not realize until I read his obituary that his daughter Carolyn and her husband Wes are neighbors of mine. I am sure Paul will be sorely missed.
Dian Thompson

Dian Thompson - March 28, 2012 at 08:42 PM