



Bennie Byron Griffith

July 6, 1920 - August 26, 2012

Bennie B. Griffith went to be with Jesus on August 26, 2012. He was born to Paul and Agnes (Morton) Griffith on July 6, 1920, in Nevada, MO. He moved with his family to Bakersfield, CA. He enlisted in the Army Air Corps in 1940, and served as an aircraft crew chief in Europe in WWII. In 1942, he met and married the love of his life, Irene Ruth Holmquist. He was Honorably Discharged from the Army in 1945. Bennie was an excellent, gifted mechanic and after discharge from the Army, he moved to Walla Walla, where he established three service stations, an auto body shop, and a full engine repair shop. In 1956, he became a representative for Aid Association for Lutherans (Thrivent) and serviced the area from Spokane to Wenatchee and all areas north. Bennie and Irene were married for 59 years, living in Wenatchee since 1969, until Irene's passing in 2001. Bennie and Irene were members of Faith Lutheran Church in East Wenatchee. Bennie then joined with Lydia Wallace, who was his life companion until his death. Everyone he met liked Bennie, with the exception of those he sold things to, or bought things from, because Bennie didn't negotiate. He was a man of great character and principles, and an excellent loving example as a father and husband. He respected all he met and was respected by all who met him. His winning smile will be missed by all. Most importantly, he had a strong relationship with and love for the Lord Jesus Christ and knew where he would spend eternity.

Bennie was preceded in death by his mother; father; sister, Merva; wife, Irene;

and sons, Paul and Ron. He is survived by Lydia; his son, Steve; daughter-in-law, Sue; seven grandchildren; nine great-grandchildren; and one great-great-grandchild. He will be missed.

A Funeral Service will be held at Faith Lutheran Church in East Wenatchee at 1:00 p.m. on Friday, August 31, 2012. Memorials may be made, in Bennie's name, to Faith Lutheran Church in East Wenatchee. Arrangements are by Telford's Chapel of the Valley, East Wenatchee.