



Clayton J. Wallace

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Clayton J. Wallace Jr. passed away September 9, 2014. He was born on April 23, 1923, at Chewelah, WA to the late Clayton J. Sr. and Mary Elizabeth (Betz) Wallace. Clayton was raised in Chewelah, where he received his early education and graduated from high school in 1941. He enlisted in the U.S. Navy in January of 1943. He served in the South Pacific Theatre in New Guinea and Australia as a Store Keeper 1st Class. Later, he served on the aircraft carrier, U.S.S. Mindoro, in the Atlantic Theatre. He received his honorable discharge in June of 1946. Clayton returned to the Northwest, where he attended Eastern Washington College of Education in Cheney. He received his Bachelors degree in Education and Principal Credential in 1951. He accepted a teaching job at South Wenatchee (Mission View) Elementary School. He taught at South Wenatchee for 33 years and assumed the positions of Classroom Teacher for various grades, Principal, Basketball Coach, and started a performance/marching band. Clayton conducted the band for 27 years, and entered the Mission View Marching Band in 25 Apple Blossom Youth Parades, where they won numerous awards. His passion for music started with piano lessons, Band in Junior and Senior High, Glee Club and a member of the dance band, "Beach Combers" of Chewelah. He also

has served as the Pianist for the Stemilt Hill Grange for many years and the Pamona Grange for a short time.

Clayton invested time in and out of the classroom; he enjoyed camping, hunting, fishing, hiking, and was an active member of many community organizations. He was a great mentor to his students, expecting their best, while allowing them their individuality. Clayton was loved by many and will be greatly missed.

A Graveside Service will be held on Saturday, September 20, 2014, at 2:00 p.m. at Stemilt Hill Cemetery. Arrangements are by Telford's Chapel of the Valley, East Wenatchee.