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April 30, 1925 - January 23, 2013

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Wenatchee, WA

Clyde Myron Mikelson, 87, of Wenatchee, WA, passed away January 23, 2013. He was born in Antigo, WI on April 30, 1925, to Bert and Ergenie (Radtke) Mikelson. As a young man, Clyde escorted three friends on a trip out west and declared that he was going to move here and he did. In 1945, he married Hazel Doine and together they raised three children, Sandra, Robert and Mary Ellen. In 1980, he made Lynda Kytile his wife and "Grammy" to his grandchildren. Clyde became a deputy in 1951, and after he retired from Patrol, he continued part-time, serving civil papers, working for Chelan County for over 47 years. He took great pride in the position that this work afforded him as the protector of his community and was looked up to by all who knew him. He was once referred to, in a newspaper article, as the "Mayor" of South Wenatchee, which seemed to be the consensus, with the many phone calls and knocks on the door at all times of day or night, by someone who didn't want to call the sheriff's office but "just to talk to Clyde." His tall, lanky stature, accompanied by that low voice that was rarely raised, commanded attention even while he tried to avoid it. During the 70's, Clyde was often seen with his "partner," Kemo, one of the original Chelan County K-9. They were a widely recognized team who put on many demonstrations at schools and community

events. That bond could not be duplicated and Clyde had no other dogs after Kemo. He also loved to fish and retirement allowed many more days to be on the water with friends and family. It was always a great day for his fellow fisherman when, on the rare occasion, they could out-fish Clyde, but those days were recorded along with all others in his notebook of counts and conditions. He approached his work, like everything else in life, with that soft-spoken, level-headed, compassionate, authority that will be sorely missed by both the community that he served and the family that he loved.

Clyde is survived by his wife, Lynda (Kytile) Mikelson of Wenatchee; his three children, Sandra Purcell of Cashmere, Bob (Patti) Mikelson of Wenatchee and Mary Ellen (John) Gormley of Wenatchee; five grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

A Memorial Service to celebrate his life will be held Saturday, February 9, 2013, at 10:30 a.m. at Telford's Chapel of the Valley in East Wenatchee. In lieu of flowers, you may make a donation in memory of Clyde and Kemo to the "Chelan County Sheriff K-9 Fund".