



Fred Holsonbake

April 17, 1923 - April 22, 2023

Fred Richard Holsonbake, born April 17th 1923 to William and Georgia Holsonbake of Oklahoma. He was called home to his Lord and Savior April 22nd 2023. Fred was the seventh of eleven children, having nine brothers and one sister. They worked the family farm, eventually moving to Texas and then California in search of prosperity.

At the age of 17 Fred enlisted in the U.S Army. He was a survivor of D-Day, landing on Omaha Beach during the second wave. He was awarded the Purple Heart and Bronze Star Medals. After WWII Fred came back to California where he worked as an autobody man at his brother's dealership. Fred eventually had a successful career as an insurance adjuster for many years. He was married to his wife Marion for 65 years. They enjoyed traveling the country, and after retirement, settled in East Wenatchee. They were blessed with years of fellowship attending the Eastmont Baptist Church.

Fred was preceded in death by his parents and all but one sibling; his wife, Marion Holsonbake; two sons, Regis D'Emidio (Buddy) and Fred Holsonbake (Freddy); daughter, Tina Sikes. He is survived by his wonderful brother, Seldon Holsonbake; his beautiful daughter, Lynda Mullins and her daughter, Lisa Runion; as well as many grandchildren; great-grandchildren; nieces and nephews.

We would like to express a special heart filled thank you to so many people, including Fred's neighbors Nita and Rick for all your help with Grandma and Grandad over the years. His two great friends Barry Keller and Bruce Brown, to Pastor Don Azevedo for the years of fellowship and prayer, to Chaplain John Defreeze, to Brett Huerl and everyone with Hospice for the years of care and support. Thank you also to those of you who visited as he was called to his Heavenly home.

A private memorial will be held at a later date for the family.

Arrangements by Chapel of the Valley, East Wenatchee.

Tribute Wall

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“ Like King David in the Holy Bible, Fred had a heart for the LORD God. Two memories come to mind quickly:
I was talking with a teenager in our church about some of the war realities Fred had shared with me of his WW2 experiences. She had known Fred for years and her response was, "Sweet Fred. Wow! How could that be?" I said to her, why don't you ask him. So she did. So she did, asking him "With all that you experienced in war, how is it you are so sweet and gentle?" To which he responded, "That's what made me that way,"
Another fond memory I have was of Fred sharing with me his copy of a Reader's Digest version of WW2. I got to borrow it for a time and was amazed by the many underlined readings of towns, bridges, areas and such, where he had been a part of events there. He had notes and comments in the margins occasionally. One stands out as related to the above note: Fred had underlined a statement in the telling of the story of how such ravishes of war had effected soldier's spirits and humbling them. Fred had drawn an arrow from the statement to his response in the margin that said "That's me."

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I wanted to share this on fb for our relatives and friends. Uncle Fred was much loved by all of us. I'm sure going to miss him , I got to talk to him on his birthday which I'm very thankful for ❤️

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I know he is now in heaven with his family and loved ones

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