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Herschel was distinguished by being born, raised, educated, baptized and becoming a respected citizen of greater Wenatchee. He attended Elementary school in East Wenatchee, was graduated from Wenatchee High School and received an Associate of Arts degree from Wenatchee Junior College. Herschel received a Bachelor of Arts degree in Marketing and Advertising from the University of Washington. He returned to Wenatchee where he became successful in all aspects of the apple industry. He built the first controlled atmosphere fruit storage unit in Wenatchee. This system changed the fruit marketing business from a seasonal to a year-round industry. In the 1960s his company shipped gift boxes and baskets of apples all over the United States.

In 1942 he Married Elizabeth Ann Johnston at the University Lutheran Church in Seattle, Washington. To this union two daughters were born, Sandra Anne and Linda Hersch. There are five grandchildren. In 1951 they built a home on property which had been in the Sparks family since the 1920s.

Herschel became a member of the Presbyterian Church in 1942. He and Betty

joined the First Presbyterian Church of Wenatchee in 1946. During the following years Herschel served as an Elder, and chairman of the Building and Finance Committee. He continued service on this committee for several years and made significant personal gifts such as computer and printer, a printing press, a Kitchen range, and flooring.

The Sparks loved to travel. They visited a large portion of the world including, Mexico, Canada, the British Isles, Europe, the Holy Land, Egypt, the Orient and Scandinavia. For twenty-five years it was their custom to spend six months of each year in Palm Springs, California.

Memorial Service will be Monday, August 10, 2009 at 3:00 p.m. at the First Presbyterian Church, Wenatchee.

Arrangements under direction of Telford's Chapel of the Valley.

Tribute Wall

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“ *Herschel was a kind and quiet gentleman with a great smile. I hold my memories deep in my heart so I will never forget. May the whole family find peace and comfort in the days ahead. Our love surrounds you all.*

Sheryl Ann - August 08, 2009 at 09:29 AM