



Joseph Michael Bourton

March 27, 1920 - January 19, 2011

Joseph Bourton, age 90, passed away peacefully at home on Wednesday, January 19, 2011. He was born March 27, 1920, in Waterville, WA to Germaine Mirabeau Bourton and Henri Bourton. Joe started his education in a one-room school at Shiloh, rode his horse to school in Douglas, and graduated from Waterville High School. Joe married Gloria Tober on June 21, 1947. They lived and farmed in Brown Canyon for 18 years. In 1965, they developed a beautiful cherry orchard and home in Orondo, on the Columbia River. He continued to farm wheat in the Douglas area. Winters were spent working at Stevens Pass Ski Area from 1964 to 1984. Joe loved the outdoors; he was an accomplished skier and fly fisherman and introduced his family to skiing, which led to a lifetime of challenge, enjoyment and opportunity for all of them. Joe was a lifetime member of St. Joseph's Catholic Church, a member of Badger Mountain Ski Club, Central Washington Grain Growers, Douglas County Historical Society, Apple Blossom Promenaders, the Orondo Volunteer Fire Department, Washington Horticulture Association and the United States Ski Association.

He is survived by his wife, Gloria Bourton, of their home; his children, Michele Bourton, Michael Bourton, Bill (Lynn) Bourton and Jeanette Bourton-Rees; and his sister, Mary Van Dyke. He was preceded in death by his parents.

A Graveside Service will be held Tuesday, January 25, 2011, at 11:00 a.m. at

the Waterville Fraternal Cemetery. A Reception will be held at St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Waterville, following the service. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the Orondo Volunteer Fire Department, District 4. Arrangements are by Telford's Chapel of the Valley in East Wenatchee.