



## Paul James Farmer

December 26, 1920 - February 16, 2012

### PAUL JAMES FARMER

Paul James Farmer peacefully slipped away into the arms of his loving savior on February 16, 2012. His passing leaves a hole in our hearts but his memory remains bright and alive. His family members and friends will miss him.

Paul was born on December 26, 1920 in Pocahontas, VA to Carrie and James Farmer. He met his wife Thelma at an old fashioned tent meeting. They were married on December 26, 1940 in Snowville, VA and recently celebrated their 71st wedding anniversary. Paul honorably served his country in the United States Army during World War II and loved to share those experiences, especially about driving the amphibious "DUCK."

The family moved to Oroville, WA in June 1947 where he and Thelma lived for over 60 years. They loved this small community and their many friends and associations there. In September 2007 Paul and Thelma moved to the East Wenatchee Assisted Living in East Wenatchee, WA.

Paul worked for over 53 years as a mechanic in the apple industry, most of those with the Valley Evaporating Company and later with Gold Digger where he finally retired at the age of 80. He was known to all as an extremely conscientious, dedicated and hard worker who could absolutely repair

anything. His work ethic was certainly an example to his children and grandchildren.

Paul was a member of the Pentecostal Church of God in Oroville. He loved to worship, served as a Deacon and especially enjoyed playing the guitar with the church musical group. As he battled kidney failure in recent years, his courage and uncomplaining attitude served as an inspiration to all of us.

He is survived by his devoted and loving wife of 71 years, Thelma Farmer of East Wenatchee, WA; children, Mari Riggan (Dewayne), Brush Prairie, WA, Nancy Riel (Harley), Sunnyside, WA, Don Farmer (Carol), Richland, WA, daughter-in-law, Judy Farmer, East Wenatchee, WA; grandchildren, Monica Riggan, Jerry Keeney (Jacquie), Darren Farmer, Kristin Churnside (Adam), Jeff Farmer, Tammy Wallin (Kurt), Tom Riel (Ana); sisters, Madeline "Tunie" Noel (Victor) and Frances Day (Jerry); and brother, Robert Farmer. He is also survived by 9 great grandchildren and numerous nieces and nephews

He was preceded in death by his parents, son, Larry Farmer, grandson, Troy Riel, sisters, Sara "Elizabeth" Eshom and Mattie Lee (Effie) Hill and brothers, Frank Farmer and Charlie Farmer.

A Memorial Service will be held at a later date at the Pentecostal Church of God in Oroville, WA.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Central Washington Hospital Foundation-Dialysis Unit - <http://www.cwhs.com/foundation/default.aspx> (Select "dialysis" drop down tab).

Express your thoughts and memories in the online guest book at <http://www.telfordschapel.com>



# Tribute Wall

MH

“ Dear Thelma;

*It is very sad to heard always this kind of news and more when good friends leave us, like he did. We work many years together while working for the warehouses around the Oroville area, (cordell, appleway and later Gold Digger) he always there to land a hand. We share many lunches, sundowns and break downs. 1st man to show up in the morning and many times the last one to leave (always with his thermo gray one and his hand). He always share about his late son, and family, most the time about Thelma while yough). May god keep him in safe place until we will see again. I hope and pray that he will see my sister and share a laugh (another co-worker). Love always. Mercedes*

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**Mercedes M Hand & Kevin S Hand** - March 02, 2012 at 06:37 PM

PL

“ *I am so sorry for the loss of your loved one. May God comfort your hearts and give you peace. Mom (Betty) wanted me to pass along her condolences also. Will keep you all in my thoughts and prayers.*  
*Pam Lyons*  
*Charlottesville, VA*

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**Pamela Farmer Lyons** - February 29, 2012 at 12:34 PM

NC

“ *Both Bill & I want to say how sorry we are about your father passing on. May God comfort you and yours in this time of sorrow.*

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**Nancy & Bill Colter** - February 27, 2012 at 01:16 PM

CB

“ Dear Farmer family,

*I am so sorry for your loss. May God bless and comfort your entire family during this difficult time. I pray each of you honor his memory with your love for each other and the wonderful memories you all share with him.*

*Sincerely,*

*Chris, Cullen, & Connor Burris*

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**Chris Burris** - February 24, 2012 at 06:52 PM

RI

“ Don, Carol, and Family,

*We were all very saddened to learn of Mr. Farmer's passing. Please accept our sincerest condolences and deepest sympathies in your time of loss.*

*All our best,  
Region 4 Investigations Team  
US Department of Energy - OIG  
Albuquerque, NM*

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**Region 4 Investigations** - February 24, 2012 at 11:41 AM

YM

“ *Don & Carol, May God keep, and console you during this time of bereavement. Only HE can comfort us and allow us to reflect on the goodness and mercy HE has shown to our loved ones. We are merely on loan one to another until HE calls us home. Don, your dad raised a wonderful son in you and he left a lasting legacy of love through you, and your family. We love you and your family and are here sending prayers of comfort and peace. Love in Christ,  
Yvette and Jean Milam*

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**Yvette R. Milam** - February 22, 2012 at 03:07 PM