



Vance D. Earhart

March 19, 1918 - March 7, 2012

Vance D. Earhart

March 19, 1918 ~ March 7, 2012

Vance Dean Earhart was born to Joe and Etta Earhart in Wenatchee, WA on March 19, 1918. Three years later, Vane's sister, Dorothy, was born. The family lived and went to school in East Wenatchee. Vance excelled in school and graduated early from Wenatchee High School. He attended the First Church of Christ, along with his high school friends, where he met Helen Brown. The two were married on March 24, 1939, and were blessed with two sons, David and Ernest, and a daughter, Roberta. The family lived in Wenatchee and Vance became involved in many local activities, including the Jaycees, (Junior Chamber of Commerce); church, where he was an elder and Sunday school teacher; photography; Apple Blossom Chaperone; the Y Circus ring master; Kiwanis Club of East Wenatchee; and all around supporter of Wenatchee and the Apple Capital of the World.

He began work as a legal secretary, a reporter for the Daily World and served as a Corporal in the U.S. Army for 90 days at Fort Lewis in 1945. After returning home, he and his father, Joe, began their business as Joe Earhart & Son, "Up the hill in East Wenatchee". With his good salesman, Everett Gill, they supplied irrigation pumps, pipes and sprinklers to the farmers from here

to Okanogan County. The business, also known as "Junky Joe's", consisted of eight acres of scrap iron and salvage, which they collected and hauled to Seattle. Vance's crew worked year 'round in this business. Today, that site on 9th Street is the location of Highland Terrace Mobile Park.

Vance was a very generous person throughout his life, sharing his time, talents and funds. For most of his life, he enjoyed chasing elk, deer, crappie, perch, steelhead, salmon, halibut, girls and golf balls with his many friends.

Vance is survived by his sister, Dorothy Memmer of Indiana; two sons, David and Ernie; and daughter, Roberta Davis; daughters-in-law, Randy Earhart and Ann Earhart; grandchildren, Eric (Lisa) Earhart, Brennan (Lane) Earhart and Shanna (Carl) Brooks, all of East Wenatchee, Alan (Anna Maria) Earhart of Italy, Christa (Mark) Olson of Coos Bay, OR, and Kirk (Lori) Davis, Bart (Cheri) Davis and Darrin (Chris) Davis, all of Vancouver, WA; 17 great-grandchildren; a cousin, Ruth Carlson of Cashmere, WA; and a devoted caregiver, Shelly Lau.

Memorials may be sent to Columbia Christian School of Portland, Oregon, in care of King's Orchard Church of Christ, P.O. Box 1019, Wenatchee, WA 98807-1019. Services were held Saturday, March 10, 2012, at King's Orchard Church of Christ in Wenatchee. Arrangements were by Telford's Chapel of the Valley, East Wenatchee.