



## Vernon G. Dalke

January 29, 2012

Vernon Dalke, 81, a longtime resident of East Wenatchee, WA, died Sunday, January 29, 2012, at Central Washington Hospital. He was born August 24, 1930, to Gottlieb and Martha (Bender) Dalke at Leola, SD. In 1937, he moved with his family to the Powell, WY area, where he graduated from Powell High School in 1948. During high school, he worked part time for Cream of the Valley Dairy. After graduation, he went to work full time for the dairy, where he met the love of his life, Betty Shanor. They married July 14, 1949, in Cody, WY. They settled in Powell and continued working for the dairy full time, as well as working part time at his father's gas station and drilling water wells. In 1965, he moved his family to East Wenatchee, where he went to work for his older brother at S & D Paving as the asphalt plant and rock crusher operator. Later, he worked for Morrill Asphalt Paving until his retirement in April, 1994.

Survivors include his wife, Betty Dalke; daughters, Dawna (Dean) Fleming, Roxie (Carl) Lewis and Bobbie (Steve) Mitchell; grandchildren, Cameron Lewis, Cari (Rob) Vereb, Eric (Nicole) Mitchell and Megan Mitchell; and great-grandchildren, Preston and Caden Lewis, Micah Vereb and Travis Escalera. He is also survived by a great-nephew, Walter Rook, whom he raised; his oldest brother, Ervin; and four sisters, Doris Williamson, Shirley Rakestraw, Marge Bradley and Charlotte Eley; as well as many nieces and nephews. His youngest brother, Delbert, passed away six hours after Vernon. He was preceded in death by his parents; and brother, Leo.

A Celebration of Life will be held Thursday, February 2, 2012, at 10:30 a.m. at Eastmont Baptist Church, 400 S. Kentucky Avenue, East Wenatchee. Memorials may be made to North Central Washington Community Foundation. Arrangements are by Telford's Chapel of the Valley, East Wenatchee.