



HAROLD EUGENE SILVERNAIL

Harold Eugene Silvernail, known as Dr. Silvernail to many, and affectionately as "Spike" passed away in Burlington, WA on June 12, 2008 at the age of 89.

Harold was born on May 11, 1919 in Milltown, WA to Ellevine & Lester Silvernail. He attended local schools, graduating from Mount Vernon High School, then furthering his education at Washington State University. His final education was earning a doctoral degree from Columbia University in New York.

In 1941 Harold married Dorothy Adams and they were married for over 50 years, until her death in 1992.

Harold began teaching agriculture classes in the Edmonds School District in 1941, working tirelessly to later become the superintendent of the burgeoning Edmonds School District, a position which he held for many years. His influence extended beyond the boundaries of the Edmonds School District, as he earned wide ranging respect for being dynamic and professional, while simultaneously creating enduring friendships.

Harold enjoyed his retirement years, allowing him increased time to travel, garden, fish and enjoy friends. His true passion was always rooted in a strong dedication to his faith and the fellowship he loved. He was well liked by neighbors, friends and relatives and considered a dear friend by many.

Harold suffered ill health and curtailed social interaction during his last years of life, but his previous accomplishments, his strong faith and positive influence cannot be erased.

Harold was preceded in death by his parents; a brother, Calvin Roy Silvernail; his beloved wife, Dorothy; two boys they raised, Larry Ward and Clifford Ritts; and his sister, Dorothy May Nelson.

He leaves behind a niece, Sharon Nelson, of Kent, WA; four nephews, Larry (Doreen) Nelson, of Covington, WA, Ron (Carol) Nelson of Centralia, WA, Doug (Kathryn) Nelson of Poulsbo, WA and Jack Nelson of Seattle. Harold is also survived by many cousins and extended family and a multitude of friends.

Interment will be at the Milltown Cemetery. Arrangements are under the care of Kern Funeral Home of Mount Vernon.

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