



## Arlie M Updegrave

February 9, 1925 - May 21, 2018

Arlie Maynard Updegrave passed away on May 21, 2018 with family at his side. He was born in Eagle Creek, Oregon on February 9, 1925 to Charles and Viola Updegrave. He grew up near Sandy, Oregon playing in the woods and fishing nearby creeks with 2 brothers and 2 sisters. He met the love of his life, Aurora, at Sandy High School. They married on October 2, 1945 as Arlie was preparing to ship overseas with the Army Air Corps as a radar navigator on B-17s. A quirk of fate and the flu kept him alive and in the states. Arlie was later recalled during the Korean conflict by the United States Air Force to train pilot navigators on B-29s.

Arlie and Aurora moved to Pullman where he earned his degree at the State College of Washington (pre-WSU) in Agricultural Engineering in May 1949. After time working for the Bureau of Indian Affairs in Buena WA, in 1952 they moved to Moses Lake. In 1957, Arlie started Lad Irrigation, tirelessly building a successful business until 1995, when he fulfilled his goal of selling it to the employees--although he didn't officially retire until age 83! Very community minded, Arlie was involved in many groups. He was a Rotarian and an active member of the Presbyterian Church to name a couple. He fulfilled many roles in the church from deacon to elder to consultant and even Wednesday night cook. Along with Aurora, he was on the Columbia Basin Community Concert Association board for years.

Arlie was a hard worker and a task-master, wanting things done well in every case. He loved to sing with the family in the car and liked travelling to see

family or the world. He was a pheasant hunter, boater, and sometime fisherman in his younger years and a playful grandpa for the grandkids later. After retiring, he'd often be found in the yard weeding with his favorite hoe. He took up golf in his late 60's and found great joy sharing the game with his friends and family. Mention golf and he was ready to go.

Arlie was preceded in death by his wife, Aurora (2013), and is survived by one sister, Rita Hewitt (Robert) of GreshamOR, his son, Ron Updegrave (Kay) of Moses Lake, and three daughters; Susan McMillan (Brad) of Moses Lake, Lisa Olin (Charles) of Union WA, and Jan Wilson (Roland) of Allyn WA. Arlie has nine grandchildren and eleven great-grandchildren. He was loving and well-loved for 93 years.

A viewing will be held at Kayser's Chapel of Memories from noon until 5 pm on Tuesday, May 29th. Arlie's memorial service will be Saturday, June 2, 2018 at 11:00 am in the sanctuary of Moses Lake Presbyterian Church, 1142 W. Ivy Ave. A graveside ceremony will be held earlier at Guarding Angels Cemetery at 10 am. In lieu of flowers, donations in memory of Arlie can be made to the Building Fund at the Presbyterian Church (<https://www.moseslakepres.org/>). Sign online guestbook at [www.kayserschapel.com](http://www.kayserschapel.com) Arrangements by Kayser's Chapel.

# Cemetery Details

## Guarding Angels Cemetery

2595 Road L N.E.  
Moses Lake, WA 98837  
(509) 765-7848

# Previous Events

## Visitation

**MAY 29.** 12:00 PM - 5:00 PM (PT)

Kayser's Chapel of Memories  
831 S. Pioneer Way  
Moses Lake, WA

## Service

**JUN 2.** 10:00 AM (PT)

Guarding Angels Cemetery  
2595 Road L N.E.  
Moses Lake, WA 98837  
(509) 765-7848

## Service

**JUN 2.** 11:00 AM (PT)

Moses Lake Presbyterian Church  
1142 W. Ivy  
Moses Lake, WA



# Tribute Wall



“ Janet Gonzales lit a candle in memory of Arlie M Updegrave



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**Janet Gonzales** - June 02, 2018 at 11:29 PM

ES

“ So sorry to hear of his passing. I met him once at a family reunion years ago. I live in BC Canada.

*Edna Marie DeShazer Smith (Mary RoseAnn Becker older sister)*

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**Edna Marie Deshazer Smith** - May 31, 2018 at 01:58 PM

CM

“ So many of my childhood memories are wrapped up in the Updegraves. I remember Arlie & Aurora's support of the Grant Co. Fair and how their Lad Irrigation always purchased 4-H lambs from the stock sale. Including mine one year when there were very few bidders. Arlie was my ideal of a good husband and father. He was always there, steady and sure. He leaves a wonderful legacy of family and friends who will long remember him and smile. May God comfort you all in your loss.

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**Carol Mercer** - May 29, 2018 at 11:25 AM

RH

“ Arlie Updegrave was a wonderful man and a true mentor. I will always be thankful for his friendship and the example he was to me. Through their business, church and community activities, Arlie and Aurora were real "pillars" in the Columbia Basin. We are all better off because of their love and devotion to each other, their family and our community.

*Patty and I were blessed to know them.*

*I hope it is an encouragement to the Updegrave family to reflect on the incredible legacy and influence that Arlie and Aurora continue to have.*

*Rick Honsowetz*

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**Rick Honsowetz** - May 27, 2018 at 12:28 AM

MW

“ I knew Arlie and Aurora for over 30 years. They were two of the most wonderful people I have had the privilege to know in my life. I feel blessed to have known them. Rest in peace!

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**Michael Walker** - May 25, 2018 at 11:34 AM

AP

“ My condolences to all of you of Arlie Updegrave's family. He was a great man and did so much to bring about advanced technology to farmers here in the Columbia Basin Project. As a recipient of that technology I am forever grateful. He played a role in the success of the Columbia Basin Project. He certainly earned his star in heaven, my thoughts and prayers are with all of you during this difficult time.  
*Alice Parker*

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**Alice Parker** - May 25, 2018 at 11:01 AM

WS

“ Wendy S. *lit a candle in memory of Arlie M Updegrave*



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**Wendy S.** - May 22, 2018 at 10:27 PM