



Theodore "Ted" Grant Osborne

December 17, 1919 - January 6, 2009

Theodore "Ted" Grant Osborne came into the world on a very cold and snowy day, December 17, 1919. Born with a twin sister to Omer Harlan & Minnie Jane Osborne on a farm near Gloyd, Washington. He passed peacefully into the Lord's hands January 6, 2009 on another winter day at his home on his farm only one mile away from where he was born. Ted often said that "I only went one mile in my lifetime". Memorial services will be held at 11:00 A.M., Monday, January 12, 2009 at the First Presbyterian Church, with Pastor Eric Frey and Dr. Paul Wagner, officiating.

He is one of only a few who could say he attended 2 years at Neppel High School and 2 years at Moses Lake High School in the same town, same school and same building. His graduating class of 1940 was the first where diplomas read MLHS.

Ted excelled in athletics being named to the all Grant County basketball team in his freshman year, lettering in basketball, track & baseball all 4 years of High School. In 2002 he was pleased to be inducted into the Moses Lake Athletic Hall of Fame.

Later he played on the Marine Corp basketball teams as well as a coach/player for the Moses Lake town team .

During the summer before he graduated from MLHS and one summer afterward and before attending Eastern Washington State College, for a short

time, Ted was a diamond driller on Grand Coulee and the Anderson Ranch Dams prior to enlisting with his brother, Harris into the United States Marine Corps during World War II. Serving in the South Pacific, Ted was honorably discharged in 1946 with the rank of Staff Sergeant.

During the war he often dreamed of having a family and of developing an irrigated farm on the Columbia Basin Project. He bought some of the land first homesteaded by his grandfather in 1907 while in the service. Following the war he resumed work as a diamond driller on other Northwest Dams including O'Sullivan Dam.

After marrying Barbara Anderson in 1950 they brought the dream to fruition developing a farm unit in the Northern end of Block 40 and raising three sons, "The best crop we ever raised!" He was glad that the farm life allowed a close interaction with his sons.

The Columbia Basin Irrigation Project became his avocation. In 1960 Ted was elected to the East Columbia Basin Irrigation District Board of Directors and retired after his 39th year from the Board in January 2000.

Predeceased by his parents, sisters, Tessie, Bertha, Ethel & Esther and brothers Tom & Ed and eldest son Douglas Grant Osborne.

Ted is survived by his wife Barbara, sons Ronald and Karen Osborne of West Seattle, Donald Osborne, Debi and Stan Keyzer, grandchildren Angela Osborne-Alvarado of Moses Lake, Douglas Grant & Jessa Osborne of Missoula, Anna & Emme Osborne, three great grand children Cierra, Ariel & Preston, a brother Harris of Yakima and a long list of nephews & nieces.

The family is grateful to their church family for their faithful prayers, to Annie Andersen and her cheerful staff @ the Moses Lake Clinic, the group of nurses in the short stay unit at Samaritan Hospital who made having transfusions a pleasant experience, to all donors who give blood to the Inland NW Blood Center, and for the kindness and encouragement of their friends.

Ted enjoyed taking on a challenge like farming through the Mount St Helen's ash in 1980. Some favorite things were coffee with neighbors, family gatherings, listening and watching sports and playing the Harmonica which usually included the "Marine Corp Hymn" and ended with "Have I Told You Lately That I Love You?" and of course, Chico's Pizza. Ted was a member of the First Presbyterian Church, Block 40 Community Club and the Veteran's of Foreign Wars.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggest memorials be made to the Tall Timber Ranch, c/o First Presbyterian Church, 1142 W. Ivy, Moses Lake, WA 98837

Previous Events

Service

JAN 12. 11:00 AM (PT)

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

Tribute Wall



“ *What a great article this was printed on "uncle Ted". He was a pretty special guy. I'll always remember the fun times growing up of family reunions, which really held us all together as family. I will miss his great smile and his harmonica playing. May the Lord comfort you Barb and the family. I know Ted and Doug are 'catching up' in heaven. love you lots, gloris##imported-begin##Peter & Gloris##imported-end##*

January 14, 2009 at 08:13 PM



“ Dear Osborne family,
I spent several years in school with Doug. I always liked him. It is heartening to realize you all had such deep ties with the beginnings of Moses Lake. It has got to be difficult to part with someone so beloved and dependable as Ted. Reading Ted's obituary tells me why Doug was such a gifted athlete, as well. He inherited it from his Dad.

As a little boy Libby Olson was my neighbor. She took in washing and ironing to keep her son in college. It was hung from racks all around her front room. I made at least a daily visit to her and reveled in the stories of Neppel she would tell while I took in the sweet scent of freshly ironed white shirts. Her rich voice and keen intellect activated my mind to appreciate the things of the past. We ended up buying her home (one of the few still remaining from Neppel days) on the corner of Division and Hill Streets. Glade Lybbert added the room on the back when he married my cousin, Carlene Oman, and lived there after their honeymoon. It became what we called the "Honeymoon House."

I am certain Libby would have had a bunch of good stories about Ted. May all the sweetest memories come back to you all as you reflect on Ted's life.

I feel for you all. God bless you!

David Miles Oman##imported-begin##David Miles
Oman##imported-end##

January 14, 2009 at 05:37 PM



“ Auntie Barb and cousins, Uncle Ted will be missed by all of us. Share so many precious memories. Remember how proud we were of Uncle Ted and Uncle Harris, how handsome they looked in their Marine uniforms. Love you all and know God is with you, taking care of you now and in the days ahead. Uncle Ted, you were so very special....##imported-begin##Dorothy and Vern##imported-end##

January 13, 2009 at 11:14 PM



“ Sorry to hear of Ted's passing, mom (Dorothy) forwarded Ted's obit. My prayers are with Ted's family.##imported-begin##Steve Elder##imported-end##

January 13, 2009 at 10:47 PM



“ We want you to know how much we enjoyed knowing Ted and the wonderful man he was. He was always an example of all a man should be: caring about his family, hard worker, responsible, good neighbor and friend, always reaching out to help others and he had a terrific sense of humor. We will miss him dearly. It was a blessing to us to know him and t share the path of life with him. May our Father in Heaven watch over you Barbara and your sweet famiy. You had a beautiful relationship and one day you will be together again. We are sorry that we could not make it to Ted's services, but we thought of him and of you his family with love, respect and admiration.

Love,
Ned and Deanna##imported-begin##Ned and Deanna
Hirz##imported-end##

January 13, 2009 at 03:17 PM



“ Barbara: We are so very sorry to hear of your loss. May you find comfort as you reflect on the wonderful memories and good times you had. Please know that our love and prayers are with you and your family. Love, John and Ana###imported-begin###John & Ana Guilherme###imported-end##

January 12, 2009 at 03:55 PM



“ Dear Barbara, Don and all the family,

Please know that my thoughts and prayers are with you during this difficult time. Ted was a great asset to the community and getting to know him while working on Columbia Basin Project issues was a joy. May God Bless you as you move on with life. It is not easy but with faith and hope it is possible.

With Love, Alice Parker###imported-begin###Alice Parker###imported-end##

January 11, 2009 at 07:59 PM



“ My gosh, Barbara. As they say, 'where has the time gone? Remember when I babysat the boys? That musta been in 60 or so. What memories we had on the old schoolbus when 'Mr. Osborne' drove. I'm sorry I didn't stop by your house in 2005. I was on my Harley and drove by your house. There was someone out in the yard that might have been you. I,m so sorry for your loss. I remember when Dad bought some spuds from Ted. They were \$2 a bag or 5 bags for \$12. Dad got a kick about that! We were afraid to say something about it. Dad blamed himself for not doing the math! Dad laughed about that for a long time! I ride to Boise every year. I'd like to stop and see you when I go. Keep in touch. Larry AKA Squeak###imported-begin###Larry Major###imported-end##

January 09, 2009 at 10:13 PM



“ I hope you get this message, Uncle, so you can know that I'll never forget all the nicknames you hung on me; and when I'm reminded of one, I will also be thinking of you and the good times and conversations we had together. Rest in peace, you did more than your part on this earth.##imported-begin##Allan "Splinter" Spanjer##imported-end##

January 09, 2009 at 05:13 PM



“ Our thoughts and prayers are with the whole family. God Bless you all.

Arch & Shirley##imported-begin##Arch & Shirley Besancon##imported-end##

January 09, 2009 at 03:33 PM



“ I have always had a great regard for Ted. I first got acquainted in the 1960s when I was the Farmers Home Administration supervisor for the Moses Lake office. When I retired in 1989 and moved back to Grant County, Ted was one of the first people I visited.

I particularly liked his stand on the idea that the farm units should not be allowed to subdivide--that this was really against the spirit of the Columbia Basin Irrigation Project Act.

Ted has been of great service to the farming community here.

Jim Pritchard##imported-begin##Jim Pritchard##imported-end##

January 09, 2009 at 01:15 PM



“ Dear Barbara and family
What a joy it was to be at the dinner table with such fine people. My thoughts and prayers are with you and yours. I was so lucky to be one of the many that Ted played his harmonica for, it was so fun guessing at the songs that he was playing. Thank you all for treating me like one of the family! Those times will never be forgotten. All my love, Amanda###imported-begin##Amanda Chapel###imported-end##

January 08, 2009 at 09:03 PM



“ You folks are in our thoughts and prayers. May our Good Shepherd continue to surround you with His incredible love and amazing grace in the days ahead. We are so glad Ted could celebrate Grant and Jessa's wedding. Our love, Kevan and Priscilla###imported-begin##Kevan and Priscilla Smith###imported-end##

January 08, 2009 at 07:34 PM



“ Dear Osborne Family,

My father, James Webb, worked with Ted on the East Board. I was President of the League for a few years. We both worked with Ted on irrigation issues. Ted was well respected and I know that he will be missed. He is in his Savior's hands now.###imported-begin##Max J. Webb###imported-end##

January 08, 2009 at 02:52 PM



“ Everybody is going to you Ted I wish I could be half the man you were.###imported-begin##John & JP Underhill###imported-end##

January 08, 2009 at 02:43 PM



“ *Barbara: We are so very sorry to hear of your loss. May you find comfort as you reflect on all those wonderful memories and good times you have had over the years with this very special man.*

Please know that our love and prayers are with you and your family.

*Love, Jim and Carol##imported-begin##Jim and Carol
Adamson##imported-end##*

January 08, 2009 at 12:21 AM



“ *Barbara, we are so sorry to hear of your loss. Ted was a valuable member of our community. You are in our thoughts and please let me know if you ever need anything.##imported-begin##Ann Golden##imported-end##*

January 07, 2009 at 05:33 PM