



Vernon Schnirring

October 4, 1927 - January 26, 2009

Vernon C. Schnirring, formerly of Moses Lake, passed away Monday, Jan. 26, at the Othello Community Hospital.

Vern was born in Sac City, Iowa, to Oscar and Sarah Jane Schnirring on Oct. 4, 1927. He was the youngest of five children. Vern joined the Merchant Marines at the age of 16 and was discharged in May 1945. He joined the U.S. Army immediately following the Merchant Marines at age 18, when he was stationed in Japan for three years.

After the Army, Vern returned to Sac City and married Dorothy "Dottie" Howard. They had two children before moving to Moses Lake, where Vern took a job at Larson Air Force Base. He remained working at the Base until it closed in 1966. He then worked at Japan Airlines and then went on to work at various jobs, for his good friend Ed Penard in construction, and on many projects in Moses Lake including several docks.

Vern was a lifetime member of the Moses Lake Moose Lodge #1724. He was a past governor of the lodge and achieved the level of pilgrim in 1975 at Moose Heart, Chicago, Ill. He was also a member of the V.F.W. and the Eagles Lodge.

Vern loved to hunt and fish. He took up golf later in life and became quite

good at it. He enjoyed playing in tournaments with his son Ken. In 2002, he suffered a stroke, which forced him to an adult group home.

Vern is preceded in death by his parents, three brothers, Albert Schnirring, Earl Schnirring and George Schnirring, who died as an infant. He lost his beloved wife and fishing partner Dottie in 1995.

He is survived by one sister, Vera McCollum of Sac City, Iowa, his son Kenneth Schnirring (Lisa Bellomy) of Moses Lake, a daughter Margie Schnirring (Mike Dunson) of Boise, Idaho, grandchildren Christine Andrews (Tyson) of Lacey, Wash., Jessica Sweet (Mitchell) of Montesano, Wash., Ashlee Lund of Everett, Wash., four great-grandchildren, five nieces, and three nephews.

We wish to give special thanks to our dad's "second" family, Lupe and her staff and their families at the Country Care at Othello, who made his last years happier than we could have ever expected.

We will miss our father so much, but we are happy he is at last reunited with our mother in heaven. Wheezer, Dottie, we love you!

A memorial service and gathering is planned for friends and family in May 2009.

Previous Events

Service

JAN 1. 12:00 AM.

Services to be held at a later date

Tribute Wall



“ Dear Ken & Lisa and Margie & Mike.

I am sorry it is so long getting a condolence to all of you about your Dad's passing. Quite randomly I found your Dad's tribute that you guys wrote concerning his passing. Your May reunion will certainly be a delight and full of memories. i have just recently added Maggie on my FaceBook account.. But SWEEDE (as I used to call you, Ken), I have been looking for you for some time.

I lost my Dad 2.5 years ago and there is hardly a fun time that passes by that i do not reflect about the positive influence Pop had in my life. it sounds like you guys are based powerfully in the knowledge that Dottie and your Dad live on. It is absolutely true. But it is still hard not to see them here everyday. My heart goes out to you.

I am coming up to Moses Lake this summer. Morgan Hansen and i are going sailing like in the old days on our rafts.. but this time he has a 29 foot sloop. i would love to see you at that time, Ken. Lisa must be related to Judy Bellomy as well. i have connected with her and Tim recently.

My prayers and best wishes are with all of you Schnirrings... David Miles Oman##imported-begin##David Miles Oman##imported-end##

March 13, 2009 at 02:14 AM



“ *Margie and Ken:*

*I have a wonderful memory of your mother and dad visiting us in Minnesota when my first daughter was born, 15 years ago. I didn't learn until later that your mother was ill at the time. She made me a wonderful peach colored afghan for the baby... I so enjoyed meeting them, and seeing the similarities between your dad and mine (Earl). I like to imagine that Earl, Al and Vernon are reuniting in heaven! Our thoughts are with you,
Jane, Joe, Olivia, Elise###imported-begin###Jane (Schnirring)
Rodriguez###imported-end###*

February 11, 2009 at 02:00 PM



“ *So sorry to hear of your loss. Though we are miles apart you are in my thoughts and prayers. In celebration of this cherished life I share your sadness. Love Marcia###imported-begin###Marcia A
Loechler###imported-end###*

February 11, 2009 at 01:42 PM



“ *My thoughts and prayers are with the entire family of Vern and Dottie. I am the Grand-daughter of Earl and Doris Schnirring, daughter of Marcia(Schnirring)Loechler. It is wonderful to know that my Grandfather's brother lived such a long life. With love,
Abbe###imported-begin###Abbe Loechler###imported-end###*

February 11, 2009 at 01:41 PM



“ *Thinking of you during this time of loss.
Gene & Bonnie###imported-begin###Gene & Bonnie
Polhamus###imported-end###*

January 27, 2009 at 07:50 PM