

Erwin Lewis Elmer



Erwin Lewis Elmer was born August 22, 1917, in Moose Jaw, Saskatchewan, Canada. He died at home in Battle Ground, April 23, 2013. He was 95 years old.

Erwin was the eldest son of William T. Elmer and Irma A. Lyvere. In 1939, Erwin married his sweetheart Lorene E. Falconer in Grandview, WA. They settled in Battle Ground in 1942 and built their home on the foundation of the old Heisson schoolhouse. Erwin was a General Contractor and Elmer's Construction built custom homes throughout SW Washington, 1961-1999.

Erwin was always active. His 22 acre farm kept him busy on his tractor and his project list long. He grew a big garden and donated produce to the Food Bank. Erwin's interest in rock-hounding led to faceting gemstones and making jewelry. He and his wife loved to travel with their camp trailer, whether camping the Northwest with grandchildren or migrating south for a month in winter. He had a knack for playing music by ear and enjoyed playing his harmonica, accordion or keyboard when visitors came calling.

Erwin is survived by brother Roy (Kathleen) Elmer, sister Laura (Steve) Root; sons Wayne (Diane), David, and James (Candice); six grandchildren, and four great-grandchildren. Erwin was predeceased by his wife, Lorene, in 2003 and his sister Esther (Alan) Ham.

A funeral will be held at 2 p.m., Monday, April 29, 2013, at Layne's Funeral Home, Battle Ground, followed by a Committal Service at Lewisville Cemetery.

