



Arvid "Eric" Erickson

February 10, 1917 - March 18, 2008

Arvid J. (Eric) Erickson (91) of Yakima died on Tuesday March 18, 2008. He was born in Eastend, Sask, Canada on February 10, 1917 to John and Mina (Grinager) Erickson. His family moved to Wapato in 1922. He graduated in 1935 from Wapato. He worked as a Western Union Messenger delivery boy and learned to telegraph in the Wapato Train Depot and on August 12, 1936 went to work for the Northern Pacific Railway as a Telegrapher-train order operator working various stations on the Idaho West division. In 1945 he became an agent-telegrapher at Lind, WA and in 1952 became Freight and Passenger agent at the Wapato office. He retired in 1977 after enjoying 41 years with the railroad. Eric was an avid tv sports fan, photography, genealogy, classical music, and railroad memorabilia of the Northern Pacific Railway especially the steam engine era. He was a member of the BNSF Veterans Assn, Transportation-Communications International Union and has carried his union card since 1937. He is survived by one niece, Gloria Killian of Pasadena, CA. A graveside memorial service will take place at a later date. Colonial Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

Tribute Wall



“ Arvid "Eric" Erickson

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