



Harold Jefferson

September 8, 1916 - December 31, 2008

Harold J. Alexander (92) of Toppenish passed away on December 31, 2008 in Yakima. He was born in Toppenish on September 8, 1916, delivered by a doctor that arrived by horse and buggy. He was raised and lived most of his life in Toppenish. During WWII he served in the Army Ski Patrol. Following his discharge he re-enlisted and became a sergeant in the engineer corp doing demolition work.

He started railroad work shoveling coal for steam engines and was employed by Northern Pacific which later became Burlington Northern until his retirement in 1976. He was very knowledgeable about railroading and knew more about it than maybe anyone else around.

Harold was many things to many people. He was a loyal and loving husband to his wife, Catherine for nearly 60 years before her death in 2002. He was a favorite uncle to numerous nieces and nephews and their children. He had many friends and always had stories to tell of his experiences in the service and his years working for the railroad. His memory was incredible. He was a hilarious, outrageous, courageous and humble person. He lived a full and varied life and those who knew him have many memories to treasure.

Harold, You've caught the last train out of Toppenish and are waving goodbye to all of us. We love you and will miss you.

At his request no services will be held. Friends may send condolences at www.toppenishfunerals.com. Colonial Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

Tribute Wall



“ *Harold Jefferson*

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