



Marvin A. Mackey

March 25, 1924 - September 13, 2009

Marvin Mackey, 85, died of complications from a fall in his home in Vancouver, WA. He died peacefully with family members at his side on Sept. 13, 2009. Marvin was born in Ft. Lupton, CO on March 25, 1924. He moved from Colorado with his parents and two brothers in 1934 and settled in Carson, WA. His third brother was born at Carson that fall and they lived in a homemade cabin his dad, Floyd Mackey, built. They lived there until 1936 when they moved to Vancouver, WA onto a five acre farm on 117th Ave. Marvin attended Union High School where he graduated. The family moved to various areas throughout Vancouver. Marvin then joined the U.S. Army. After that he worked in the ship yards. Marvin met and married Nellie F. Bosisto on July 7, 1951. Later on her worked for the U.S. Soil Conservation Service until Nellie and he opened MarNell's Ceramic Studio and they ran the studio for over 35 years. After having four children, Marvin bought the five acres on 117th Ave. in 1964, the same property his folks owned back in 1936 and has lived there ever since. Marvin became well known throughout the Northwest Ceramic Industry for his fabulous paintings and art work, he won all the top awards. He was still active in ceramics, getting ready for the next ceramic show in March. Marvin had many other hobbies: he raised and bred many varieties of birds and he loved photography, gardening and family history, along with Clark County history. Marvin and Nellie were very active members of Prairie Community Church and were also members of the building committee when the church was built. Survivors include David (Sue) Zabel of

Vancouver, WA; his daughter, Linda (Walt) Jones of Longview, WA; his other two sons, Doug Mackey of Washougal, WA and Dwaine Mackey of Vancouver, WA; along with six grandchildren; six great-grand children; numerous cousins, nephews, nieces and his special companion, Faith Ivie; also his precious pets, Cookie, his cockatoo; Annie his sheltie; and many close friends. Marvin was preceded in death by his parents, Floyd and Katherine Mackey; his brother, Lawrence, who died in the service in World War II; his brother, Lee; and his beloved wife of 47 years, Nellie, who passed away in 1998. Funeral services will be held at Evergreen Memorial Gardens, Sat., Sept. 19, 2009 at 10:00 a.m., followed by graveside service and reception. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Clark County Historical Museum, 1511 Main St., Vancouver, WA 98660.

Tribute Wall



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Evergreen Memorial Gardens - July 03, 2025 at 09:58 PM



“ I hadn't met Marvin personally until Sept. 5th of this year while visiting Faith. We had emailed and talked on the phone. Actually, I felt he was part of our family, and enjoyed hearing from Faith all about him and his interests. What a nice man. He will be missed.

Nancy Carbury - September 18, 2009 at 12:00 AM



“ It is with great sadness,that I learned of the loss of Marvin.But it is also with great joy that he now rests in the arms of our Heavenly father whom I am sure is saying MY SON,IN WHOM I AM WELL PLEASED.Rest well my friend. Bill Carbury.

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“ We are very sorry to hear about Marvin's passing. May God's peace be with you. Our thoughts and prayers are with you all at this time.

Charles E. Templer - September 15, 2009 at 12:00 AM

“Hi Linda, Walt, Doug, Dwaine, Just wanted to drop you guys a note to let you know that we are thinking of you all so much! We have both been through this walk when we lost our parents. We know the hurt, the pain, the hole that's left in your hearts. At the same time, you have the comfort and hope that the Lord promises because your Dad knew Jesus! We are told that Heaven is a prepared place for prepared people! No one arrives there unknown or unexpected! We do rejoice that we (you and us) know where Marvin is; we know that he was prepared to meet Jesus and that Marvin is safely home in the place Jesus prepared for him!! We wish we could be with you physically; but KNOW that we are with you in spirit! It was only through working with Marvin on the family book that I came to really know him. His heart was so good, so soft, so filled with love for his family (immediate as well as his extended family). He loved to hear and tell the stories of our relatives - both past and present. We laughed together so many times! Having him stay with us last summer when you came for the family reunion is a time that I will treasure forever! We had time to share, to pray together, to support each other. What a gift God gave us! We truly came to love Marvin; those days were just a blessing! He also gave us the special privilege of getting to know you, Linda and Walt! You have blessed us so much and hope that we can continue our connection! Lord, we enter Your gates tonight with thanksgiving and Your courts with Praise! We thank You that You ARE Who You say You are! You Are God Almighty! You Are our Redeemer, You Are the Life Planner! Nothing is a surprise to You! You are the Shepherd and we are Your sheep! We adore you! We Praise You! We pray that You will be ministered to, exalted, and lifted high by our praise and worship for You as You are the ONLY Worthy One! Lord, we thank You for the life of Marvin! We thank You for Your creating him so uniquely and wonderful! We thank You that You have revealed Yourself to Marvin and that He gave his heart to You! We thank you for the gifts and talents You gave Marvin; for his wife Nellie and that they shared their talents with each other, with family, and for Your glory! Lord, we ask that You would let Your Spirit fall upon Marvin's family; that they would be comforted by our Comforter. Lord, we ask that You will fill

the empty place inside Linda, Walt, Doug, and Dwaine's heart with Yourself! Thank You that You are the same yesterday, today, and tomorrow. Lord, we ask that this family will feel the love and support of extended family as they walk this journey. We pray that forgiveness will prevail and that LOVE will be the silken cord that cannot be broken! In JESUS' NAME! AMEN!! Love, Craig and Kathy

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