

JEROME HENRY MUDGE, 1919 - 2008

Jerome "Jerry" Mudge of Lynnwood, WA passed away March 16, 2008 in Everett, WA. He was born on the family farm in Richfield, Minnesota to Ceylon Jerome and Beatrice Morlidge Mudge. Jerry was raised there with his two brothers and sister. While in high school, the family moved to Edmonds, WA for a year. He learned a skill in shop class that he used on the family's return to Richfield; he started a saw sharpening shop with his brothers. The earnings from the business assisted the family during the 1930's when employment was difficult to find. After graduation, he attended art and then technical school. An invitation to travel took him to Los Angeles, California where he found work in the carpentry field that became his lifelong occupation.

With the onset of World War II and a strong chance of being drafted, he joined the Army, serving in the Corp of Engineers and later, the Army Air Corp. It was after his aviation training at Victorville, CA, that he met his wife of 64 years, Vera Warren of Covina, CA. They were married May 5, 1943 in

Glasgow, Montana where he was stationed. Jerry served in the European theater as a B-17 pilot, completing 25 missions. After his return home, he flew transport missions to and in the Asian Theater, Africa and South America. Jerry completed his military service in the U.S. Air Force Reserve with the rank of Major. After the war, he and Vera moved to California and later to Detroit where Jerry honed his carpentry skills and Vera finished her college degree. They returned to Covina before Jerry and his best friend, Russ Hollister, ventured north to Anacortes, WA. The families followed in a few months to find that Jerry and Russ were in the process of building a boat in the living room. Jerry enjoyed boating the San Juans and taking visitors salmon fishing. Jerry worked as a carpenter and millwright in the Anacortes area until 1965 when the family moved to Edmonds where he resided until moving to Lynnwood 5 years ago.

Jerry loved to camp, particularly along the Washington coast at Kalaloch. Every fall, he looked forward to the World Series; a portable radio was with him until a winner was declared. He was very involved in his children's activities- serving on the camping committee for Camp Fire Girls and attending as many of their school events as he could. He was a lifelong learner and took classes at Skagit Valley College while his daughter was a student there. His love of art stayed with him all his life. He enjoyed painting in oil and watercolor. Later, he took up photography with Russ. A dark room was one of the first renovations made to their home in Edmonds. Jerry was a member of the Edmonds United Methodist Church, Fidalgo Lodge #77, Anacortes and Edmonds Lodge #165 F. & A.M.

He is survived by his wife Vera, daughters Nancy Coggon (Grant) of Anacortes, Laurie Nelson (Royce) of Idaho, Amy Miller (Daryl) of Tumwater, and Elizabeth Jaquith of Edmonds; grandchildren Katie, Rachel, Jonathan, Sarah, Lily, and Corinne; brother John Mudge of California; sister Alice Esse of Minnesota; many loving nieces and nephews; life-long friends Naomi Hollister, Kay Winans and their families. He was preceded in death by his parents, grandson Thomas Miller, brother C. Arthur Mudge and best friends M. Russell Hollister and Marvin Winans

The family asks that to honor Jerry, donations be made to the Edmonds UMC Food Bank or a charity of the donor's choice.

CELEBRATING THE LIFE OF JEROME H. MUDGE



OCTOBER 1, 1919 ~ MARCH 16, 2008

CELEBRATION OF THE LIFE AND RESURRECTION OF

JEROME H. MUDGE

WHEN I AM GONE

TO THOSE I HAVE LOVED AND TO THOSE WHO LOVED ME:
WHEN I AM GONE, RELEASE ME; LET ME GO.
I HAVE SO MANY THINGS TO SEE AND DO,
YOU MUST NOT TIE YOURSELF TO ME WITH TEARS.
BE HAPPY THAT WE HAD SO MANY YEARS.
I GAVE YOU MY LOVE AND YOU CAN ONLY GUESS
HOW MUCH YOU GAVE TO ME IN HAPPINESS.
I THANK YOU FOR THE LOVE YOU EACH HAVE SHOWN,
BUT NOW IT'S TIME I TRAVEL ON ALONE.
SO GRIEVE A WHILE FOR ME, IF GRIEVE YOU MUST,
THEN LET YOUR GRIEF BE COMFORTED BY TRUST.
IT'S ONLY FOR A WHILE THAT WE MUST PART,
SO BLESS THE MEMORIES WITHIN YOUR HEART.
I WON'T BE FAR AWAY, FOR LIFE GOES ON-
SO IF YOU NEED ME CALL AND I WILL COME.
THOUGH YOU CAN'T SEE OR TOUCH ME I'LL BE NEAR;
AND IF YOU LISTEN WITHIN YOUR HEART YOU'LL HEAR
ALL MY LOVE AROUND YOU SOFT AND CLEAR.
AND THEN WHEN YOU MUST COME THIS WAY ALONE,
I'LL GREET YOU WITH A SMILE AND WELCOME YOU HOME.

— *AUTHOR UNKNOWN*

PRELUDE

Laura Martin, pianist.

WELCOME & INVOCATION

Rev. Dr. Kathlyn James

OPENING HYMN

#144 This Is My Father's World

SCRIPTURE: JOHN 14:1-4

Rev. Serena Sullivan

REFLECTION

Rev. Marta Schellberg

SPECIAL MUSIC

Eileen Carr, soloist. Laura Martin, accompanist.

REMEMBERING JERRY

Rev. David Aasen

Rev. Marta Schellberg

Family & Friends

CLOSING HYMN

#707 Hymn of Promise

CLOSING PRAYER & BLESSING

POSTLUDE

Laura Martin, pianist.

*The family invites you to join them in the Wesley Room for a reception,
immediately following the service.*