

Obituary: Dewey (Wilbur) Rainwater



Dewey (Wilbur) Rainwater, born February 28, 1923, died July 20, 2003.

Dewey lived in Marysville most of his life, graduating from Marysville High School in 1941. He joined the army and served in the 7th Armored Division. He fought in the Battle of the Bulge and in France, Belgium and Germany. After the war, he served in the 87th Constabulary in Fulda, Germany. This unit patrolled the border between American Germany and Russian Germany.

Local people will remember Dewey as the maker of "Dewey Burgers" at Mom's Drive Inn, north of Marysville. He and his friend, Dr. Dean Howell, built the Rainwater House Restaurant at Smokey Point (now the Buzz Inn). Late in life he returned to the family roots of working in a lumber mill, retiring from Buse Mill in 1992.

Dewey was preceded in death by his father, Roy Rainwater, and his mother, Mildred Hazard-Rainwater.

He is survived by his wife Pearl; daughter Mary Joyce Rainwater of Seattle; two sons and their wives, Mike and Lois Rainwater of Marysville, and Pat and Jayne Rainwater of Walla Walla; three granddaughters, Galen (Ron) Howard, Teal (Jason) Morse and Christal Rainwater; one grandson Ramsey Rainwater; brother Harvey Rainwater of Mexico; two sisters, Ethel Davison of Illinois, and Joanne Davison of Wyoming; army buddy Francis Evens of Marysville; Dr. and Mrs. Dean Howell of Everett; and many other friends and acquaintances.

A memorial service will be held at Messiah Lutheran Church in Marysville on July 26th at 10:00 a.m.

Arrangements are under the care of Schaefer-Shipman Funeral home in Marysville.

In lieu of flowers, the family asks that donations be sent to Messiah Lutheran Church of the Marysville Library.

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