



Bernard Schoepflin

August 31, 1921 - February 6, 2011

Bernard Schoepflin was born Aug. 31, 1921, in Grandview, Wash., to Charles and Elizabeth Schoepflin.

Barney grew up on a small farm on the outskirts of Grandview. He walked to elementary school, and then lived in the dormitory at Yakima Valley Academy. He graduated from YVA in 1940. While in high school, he sang in a quartet with his brothers, Lavern, Delmer and Ray. He was married to Roeberta Grove on Dec. 21, 1943, in Muskogee, Okla., while he was serving in the U.S. Army. Barney served his country from Oct. 15, 1942, to Jan. 12, 1946. He was in the 122nd Medical Battalion attached to the 232nd Infantry Regiment of the 42nd Infantry, known as the Rainbow Division. He was part of the liberation forces landing in Marseille, France, in four inches of snow. He, with his fellow soldiers, encountered Germans as they pushed across the Hardt Mountains to Phillipsburg.

He crossed the Rhine at Worms, then moved on to Wurzburg, which was a stronghold of the German SS. Then it was on to Furth, Nuremberg and Dachau. He would never forget the odor of death at Dachau. He had dramatic pictures of what his regiment found there.

After returning home to the United States and his beautiful wife, he was at last able to see and hold his 1-year-old daughter.

A few years later, he moved his family to Endicott, Wash., where he farmed the Grove Ranch on the Palouse River for more than 30 years. He, his wife, his wife's sister, Evelyn, and Evelyn's husband, John Magnuson, sang in a

mixed quartet for many occasions.

In 1983, Barney retired and moved with Roeberta to Bridgeport. The year 1992 found him purchasing a new home and placing it in Meadow Creek Village in Dallas. He tremendously enjoyed their years there and the many friends they made in that community.

Barney went to sleep in Jesus on Feb. 6, 2011, at his son's home in Corvallis. Barney was a dedicated and faithful lifetime member of the Seventh-day Adventist Church. He believed the words of Jesus with all his heart could muster: "There are many rooms in my Father's house ... After I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back and take you to be with me so that you may be where I am."

Barney is survived by his wife of 67 years, Roeberta. His daughter, Cheryl Kiger, preceded him in death. His son, Gayle Schoepflin, lives near Corvallis. Barney is also survived by his brother, Ray Schoepflin of Sequim, Wash.; grandchildren, Douglas, Robyn, Kaarsten and Tyson; and great-grandchildren Ben, Danny, Cassie and Max.

A memorial service will take place at 2:30 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 19, at the Dallas Adventist Church. A memorial will also be held May 21 in Endicott. Arrangements are by McHenry Funeral Home.

Tribute Wall

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“ So sorry to hear about Barney. He was a very special man. We will keep you in our prayers and will be thinking of you during this difficult time.

Kay(Means) and Berwyn Slawson - February 20, 2011 at 02:01 AM

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“ What a great guy and a wonderful family! We are so blessed to have known Roberta and Barney.

Don & Corlene Jordan Smith - February 19, 2011 at 08:03 PM

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“ Reading the obituary for Barney brings so many childhood memories and thoughts of some super good times with the family. He will be missed, but I look forward to the day Jesus comes and we can meet with Barney & Cheryl again along with many who have passed away before us. Love to the family. Sylvia

Sylvia Jordan Minler - February 19, 2011 at 04:38 PM