



Prince Baker

February 16, 1924 - July 11, 2012

Prince Valjean Baker, 88, died Wednesday, July 11, 2012, at his home in Monroe.

Prince was the second child born to Harvey and Grace Baker. He was born in Geary, Okla. Prince had an older brother, William Jacob; a younger brother, Calvin Corline; and a younger sister, Rosenelle Grace. Prince's father passed away when Prince was 3 years old. His mother remarried, giving Prince another younger brother, Terrell Clifton Snyder.

For a number of years, Prince lived in Geary, where his mother was a school teacher. Over the years, the family moved to where his mother had teaching jobs.

Prince met his perfect match, Irene Marguerite Barrows, at Walla Walla College, where they later married on Sept. 5, 1948.

Prince graduated from WWC in 1950 with a degree in education. Although Prince was a teacher and his wife a registered nurse, they wanted to raise their children in the country. Prince and Irene had three children, David Baker of Monroe, Virginia Baker of Sacramento, Calif., and Marguerite Burrill of Everett, Wash.

Prince was well known by those around him, whether as a teacher, an active church member or, later, within the farming community. Prince was a man of uncommon integrity who always looked for the best in others. He is survived by three children, 10 grandchildren, and 16 great-grandchildren.

Funeral services will take place at 11 a.m. Monday, July 16, at the Albany

Seventh-day Adventist Church. Burial will follow at Rest Lawn Cemetery in Junction City.

Memorial donations in Prince's name can be directed to the 3ABN Television Network in care of McHenry Funeral Home, 206 N.W. Fifth St, Corvallis, OR 97330.