



Joseph Thomas Yoder

May 27, 1920 - July 8, 2012

JOSEPH THOMAS YODER May 27, 1920 ~ July 8, 2012 Joseph Thomas Yoder, 92, of Vancouver, WA, joined his Lord and Savior in celebration on July 8, 2012. He was born May 27, 1920, in Surrey, ND to Frances Charlotte and Furman Ambrose Yoder. Joseph was a graduate of Harding High School, St. Paul, Minnesota. He earned his Bachelor of Science degree from Northwest Nazarene College, Nampa, ID, where he met Leola Grace Urquhart while traveling with a gospel quartet representing the college. They married in 1943. After marriage, they returned to Minnesota where he became a Lab Supervisor for MANDO Paper Co., (now Boise Cascade), where he worked for 19 years. He then moved west to Vancouver, WA, taking a job with Pacific Resins & Chemicals, Portland OR and later with Georgia Pacific Corp., where he won many awards in research for developing innovative processes. He retired at the age of 76 in 1996. His hobbies and love included fishing, photography, music, tennis, roses, art, and traveling with friends on the Good Time Chariot tour bus. Joseph and his wife were long-time members of the Nazarene Church, where he dedicated his life to total involvement in developing youth, singing, and church administration. Joseph is survived by his children, Nancy L. Steiber of Gresham OR, Karen L. Cole of Vancouver WA, Joel S. Yoder of McMinnville OR; five grandchildren; eight great-grandchildren; and his sister, Grace M. Woodbeck of Vancouver WA. He was preceded in death by his wife, Leola, of 59 years in 2003. Viewing is Wed., July 11, 2012 from Noon to 9:00 p.m. at Evergreen Memorial Gardens Chapel,

1101 NE 112th Ave. in Vancouver. Memorial service is Thurs., July 12, 2012 at 12:30 p.m. at Evergreen Memorial Gardens Chapel. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in Joseph's honor to: YOUNG LIFE, P O Box 520, Colorado Springs, CO 80901.

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