

DAILY WORLD
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Theodore J. "Ted" Ayres

Theodore J. "Ted" Ayres, 80, former resident of the Harbor, courageously battled Alzheimer's before his passing, Monday, July 13, 2009. He was born in Aberdeen December 23, 1928, the son of Theodore J. Sr. and Sophia A. (Walczyk) Ayres.



Ted graduated from Weatherwax High School in 1947 and served in the Air Force in Korea.

He married Barbara Ann Mask in Dexter, New Mexico on February 21, 1954 and they returned to Aberdeen.

Ted had worked for Crescent Market on Market St. in Aberdeen during high school until he joined the Air Force in 1950.

While serving his country, Ted received the Korean SVC medal, Air medal, UN SVC Medal, Good Conduct Medal and the Nat. Def. SVC medal. After returning from the war to Aberdeen in 1954 he went to work for Ace Electric and was a construction electrician. He stayed with the company for over 40 years, retiring in 1993.

Following retirement they moved to Lilliwaup on Hood Canal for three years and then to Tumwater to be near their children, also snow-birding to Yuma, Arizona for several years. They enjoyed "cruising", having been to Alaska, the Caribbean, Panama Canal and the Mexican Riviera.

Ted also enjoyed countless family outings at the Walczyk Homestead Farm up the Wishkah Valley. He loved the outdoors immensely. His interests included camping, shrimp-ing, crabbing, fishing,

gardening and clam digging. He was a dedicated sports fan of the Seahawks, Mariners, Tacoma Stars and the Hoquiam Grizzlies!

Ted was a member of the Hoquiam Eagles and the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers, Local 76. Tacoma.

Besides his wife Barbara of 55 years, Ted is survived by a son, James Theodore, of Olympia; two daughters, Rebecca Lorenzo, Tumwater and Cheryl Ann Ayres, Tacoma; a brother, Lawrence Ayres, Aberdeen; a sister, Patricia Schonack, Centralia; and five grandchildren, Scott, Bryce, Kari, Bryan and Connor.

He was warmly loved and widely admired by friends and family and will be sorely missed by all who knew him. He was a good, kind, caring man every day of his life, and we already miss having his positive influence; youthful enthusiasm in our lives.

Visitation will be held from 3:00 to 8:00 pm Monday, July 20th at Fern Hill Funeral Home, Aberdeen.

A funeral service will be at 1:00 pm, Tuesday, July 21, 2009 in the chapel at Fern Hill Funeral Home. Interment with military honors by the Grays Harbor All Services Honor Guard will be in St. John's Cemetery, Wishkah Valley. A celebration of Ted's life will follow at the Rotary Log Pavilion, Aberdeen.

A card of condolence with a private message may be sent to the family at www.fernhillfuneral.com

The family requests donations be made in Ted's name towards the Alzheimer's Research Foundation, One Intrepid Square, West 46th St. & 12 Ave., New York, NY 10036, or www.alzinfo.org. Or the American Heart Association, 4414 Woodland Park Ave. N., Seattle, WA 98103, or www.americanheart.org