

ANNIVERSARIES

Kunkle — 60th



The Kunkles in 1939



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Wishkah Valley couple married six decades

Wishkah Valley residents Howard and Edith Kunkle celebrated their first 60 years of married life Sunday Sept. 5.

Edith R. Ditton became the bride of Howard R. Kunkle on Sept. 5, 1939, at the parsonage of the Community Church in Longview. They have lived in the Wishkah Valley for 40 years.

Kunkle worked in the logging industry for 14 years, for Tommer

Construction at Ocean Shores for five years, then for 10 years for the Simpson Timber Co. at Camp Grisdale, in the Wynoochee area. He retired in 1980.

Mrs. Kunkle is a homemaker.

The couple's children are Nancy Grandchamp of Kalama, Paul of the Wishkah Valley and the late Carol Davis. They also have nine grandchildren and 13 great-grandchildren.

OBITUARIES

Howard Kunkle

Howard R. Kunkle, who had lived in the Wishkah Valley since 1963, died Thursday, Oct. 25, 2001, in Grays Harbor Community Hospital at Aberdeen. He was 81.

Mr. Kunkle was born Sept. 16, 1920, at Blanchard, Idaho, to Ace and Margaret Lee (Vandervort) Kunkle. He spent part of his childhood in Longview and attended school in Kelso.

On Sept. 5, 1939, he married Edith Ditton at Longview. She survives him at their home.

During World War II, Mr. Kunkle served as a staff sergeant in the Pacific with the Army's 1st Cavalry Division. He was awarded the Bronze Star and other medals.

In the 1930s, he was a member of the Civilian Conservation Corps. Before the war, he worked as a welder at the Kaiser Co. shipyards in Vancouver, Wash. After the war, he worked for several timber companies across the state.

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Mr. Kunkle was employed by the Simpson Timber Co. at Shelton. He had also owned and operated a sawmill on Greenwood Road in the Wishkah Valley

with his brother Richard and their father.

He enjoyed hunting, fishing, dancing and playing his guitar while family members sang along.

In addition to his wife, he is survived by his son, Paul of the Wishkah Valley; his daughter, Nancy Grandchamp of Kalama; nine grandchildren and 13 great-grandchildren.

Another daughter, Carol Davis, died in 1999. His brother Richard died in 1992.

Visitation will be from 1 to 8 p.m. Monday, Oct. 29, at the Fern Hill Funeral Home in Aberdeen.

A graveside service is scheduled for 1 p.m. Tuesday in St. John's Cemetery in the Wishkah Valley.

Memorial donations are suggested to the Wishkah Valley Fire Department, 4641 Wishkah Road, Aberdeen, 98520.

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