

Buracker & Boraker

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A Tribute to Eldon Boraker 1911-1994

WHEN I heard last summer that my father was suffering from a lung tumour, my wife and I flew to Seattle in October to help him drive to California for what turned out to be his last trip to the winter sun.

My father lived a full life that began in Oklahoma as the son born to **Charles Theodore Boraker and Ella May Crawford**. The family moved to Washington where they lived in the Port Angeles and Ferndale areas.

After marrying **Martha Gesse** on June 10, 1933 in Tracy, California, the couple lived a short time in Ferndale before moving to the Gesse home in Bellingham. That is where their son, Robert Charles, was born in 1935. A daughter, Julene Emily, was born 15 months later in 1936.



My father's Seaman's Wallet contains documents that show he worked as an engineer on fishing boats from 1936-1941. After moving to Seattle, he worked in shipyards and on ferries. Working around asbestos in the shipyard is apparently what caused the tumour to develop in his lung.

Eldon eventually got a job with Foss Launch & Tug Company where he became Chief Engineer on the "Catherine Foss" in 1944. He continued to work for the company until retirement.

My father's "Golden Years" were fully enjoyed by devoting time for gardening, fishing and travel. He and his wife Martha travelled through Europe in 1973, to New Zealand and Fiji in 1985 as well as on several cruises to the Caribbean and Alaska. To escape the winter months in Seattle, they lived in a trailer park at Hemet, California.

The eulogies at the funeral indicated that Eldon Boraker would be long remembered for being a devoted husband and father, a helpful relative and a good friend. He tried to live a good Christian life the best he knew how. His relatives and friends will miss him. The details of the funeral are on page 2.

**Funeral Service for Eldon Boraker
Cypress Lawn Chapel -- Everett,
Washington**

Rev. Bernie Jensen: Greeting. Group
Song: *Great is Thy Faithfulness.*

Rev. Harold Hestikind: Words to the
Family and Relatives

Mr. Robert Boraker: Comments about
father and Scriptures

Sherry Sampson (granddaughter of
deceased), read Poem entitled,
“Grandpa.”

You are a gift from God to
teach and be an example to us of His
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You were handed the torch of
the gospel from your parents and you
successfully passed it on to the next
generation, and they to the next, and
now we're handing it to our children.

You ran your race well, and the
angels have come now to take you to
the arms of God, you're walking with
the saints that gone before. How
exciting!

You started out a gift from
God, but today you're God's beautiful
gift!

Eulogy by pastor of Philadelphia
Church.

To Grave Site. Casket bearers:
Daniel Boraker, (grandson), Paul
Southland (nephew), Jim Johnson
(grandson), Earl Danielson, Robert
Sampson (granddaughter's husband),
Jeff Taylor.

Committal Prayer by Pastor Rollin
Carlson
Group Song: *Till We Meet Again*”

**Memorial Service at Silver Lake
Chapel**

Rev. Bernie Jensen: Greeting, Prayer,
Group Song

Solo by Ken Youngren accompanied
by Raymond Youngren

Eulogy by Rev. Harold Hestekind

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by Raymond Youngren

Comments and Scriptures by Robert
Boraker

Closing Prayer: Pastor Rollin Carlson

Everett Herald:

Eldon Boraker

Eldon Boraker, 82, of Everett, went
to be with his Lord and Saviour,
whom he served faithfully for 65
years, February 10, 1994.

He was born May 9, 1911 in Sand
Springs, Oklahoma and resided in
the Silver Lake area for the last 21
years. In 1972, Eldon retired from
Foss Launch and Tug Company
after 29 years. He was a member of
Silver Lake Chapel.

Eldon will be remembered with
love by his wife, Martha, of 66
years. He was loved and will always
be remembered by his son and
daughter-in-law Robert and
Margaret of St. Albans, England
and daughter and son-in-law
Julene and Harold Christensen of
Everett, sisters Ruth Southland of
Blaine, Mildred Butterworth of
Bellingham and Dorothy Finley of
California. Eldon also leaves 8
grandchildren and 11 great grand-
children.

Family interment is Tuesday,
February 15, 1994 at 2:30 p.m. at
Cypress Lawn Cemetery Chapel in
Everett. A memorial service in his
honor is scheduled for 4:30 p.m. at
Silver Lake Chapel.

Visitation will be Monday,
February 14, 1994 from 1:00 to 8:00
p.m. and Tuesday, February 15,
1994 from 8:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m..

Memorials are suggested to
Camp Berachah or Cedar Springs
Camp.

Arrangements are entrusted to
Purdy and Walters with Cassidy Fu-
neral Home Everett.