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Carl George Stillman, known to friends and family as "Chuck," died peacefully at age 89 on April 8 at his family home on Gravelly Lake Drive in Lakewood, WA. He was the loving husband of Anabelle Morrison Stillman, who he married June 21, 1942, and who preceded him in death (2005). Chuck always will be remembered for his courage, strength, far-sightedness, wisdom, and willingness to help others. He had a resolute faith in God that stood as a good example to all who knew him and particularly his children, grandchildren, great-grandchildren, and in-laws. Chuck lived in recent years in Sequim, WA where he was lovingly cared for by his daughter Diana, her husband Rich Hay, and children Holly and Jonathan. Chuck was born Sept. 5, 1918 near Valley City, North Dakota to Leon Elliot Stillman and Dena Aletta Schroeder. Raised on a farm, he attended Noltimier Consolidated School through grade and high school and went on to graduate from Valley City State Teachers' College. Depressed economic conditions caused him to move to Washington State where he found work at a dairy farm near Littlerock. He left that job to attend Washington State College (now University), where he studied agricultural economics. Later in life, he graduated from University of Puget Sound with a B.A. in economics. In May 1939, Stillman began work for the Northern Pacific Railway Co. in Tacoma as a telegraph operator and quickly advanced to become a station agent. Soon Chuck's skills and hard work earned him a promotion to dispatcher in 1941 where he played an important logistics role as the country mobilized and transported troops and material via rail for the war effort. In 1956 the Northern Pacific promoted Stillman to Chief Dispatcher, the post from which he retired after 38 years of distinguished service in 1977. He won numerous honors, including being chosen by the merged Burlington Northern Railroad as "Employee of the Month." After his railroad retirement, Chuck launched a second career as a tree farmer, purchasing acreage in western Washington that he planted with over a million Douglas fir trees. His superb



stewardship of the land earned him many awards, including Washington State "Tree Farmer of the Year" in 1984. Earlier he won similar awards from Pierce County and from Weyerhaeuser. Stillman served on the Pierce County Forestry Board and held various offices with the Pierce County Farm Forestry Association. Chuck was extremely active in Lake City Community Church where he served in many capacities, including deacon, trustee, and Sunday School teacher. He also served as chairman and director of Youth for Christ, as well as Sports Life Ministries. Stillman also was active with Boy Scouts, 4-H, Washington Pony Breeders, Welsh Pony Club of American, Morse Telegraphers' Club, Burlington Northern Veterans' Association, Sons and Daughters of the Pilgrims, and the Grange. For a number of years, he held a private pilot's license and flew Cessna's and other light aircraft for recreation. He proudly served as an officer of the Sons of the American Revolution (SAR), where his membership was established as a descendant of Capt. Nathaniel Stillman, who was an officer in Gen. George Washington's guard during the Revolutionary War. He became State President of SAR in Washington and later a national Vice President. For a number of years, Stillman was a director and officer of Lakeview Light & Power Co. He loved to follow closely the achievements of his son and daughters' in sports, music, and academics in the early years and later as they married and raised his six grandchildren. With Anabelle, he got great pleasure from being around those grandchildren, and very late in his life, his great-grandchildren. Carl George Stillman leaves three children, Don (Judy Scott); Kathy (Dick) Page; and Diana (Rich) Hay; six grandchildren, Scott and Sarah Stillman; Scott (Stephanie) Page, Kevin (Rebecca) Page, and Holly and Jonathan Hay; two great-grandchildren, Levi and Lydia Page; three sisters, Leona, Eva, and Margaret; and many nieces, nephews, cousins, and in-laws. He also leaves behind many friends, fellow workers, church members, and others for whom he cared deeply. A memorial service will be held at 3 p.m., Saturday, April 12 at Mountain View Funeral Home, 4100 Steilacoom Blvd. SW, Lakewood, WA. 253-584-0252 A private burial is planned. At his request in lieu of flowers, donations may be made to: Russian Orphans, SOAR International Ministries, 135 Granite Pt. Ct., Kenai, AK 99611. Arrangements by Mountain View Funeral Home. 584-0252.



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Anonymous posted:

Chuck and Annabelle were always wonderful neighbors and fine people. They will be greatly missed. They raised outstanding kids and our hearts go out to all of them.##imported-begin##Tom Gagliardi##imported-end##

April 20 at 6:00 PM



Anonymous posted:

i remember shaking his hand and saying hi to him almost every sunday and at quizzing or youth group. He would always smile so big and sincerely and it just brightened my day that in spite of everything he had gone thru/was going thru he had such joy##imported-begin##Elisabeth Saffold##imported-end##

April 15 at 6:00 PM



Anonymous posted:

When I was a 16 year old teen just over 40 years ago, "Mr. Stillman" called me up to suggest that I train to be an extra telegrapher and station agent for the Northern Pacific Railway. Too shy and fearful, I initially said "no", but Chuck encouraged me to reconsider. Thanks to his persistent interest in me, I did train at Clover Park Technical School, and was thereafter able to work my way through college and law school over seven consecutive summers at railroad stations throughout Western Washington. Because Chuck was Chief Dispatcher, I wrote "CGS" on many train orders over those years, but his initials are also written on my heart. Chuck was one of those few men who took an active interest in my life, education and, later, my career. He cheerfully wrote reference letters on request! Ultimately, the railroad experience and legal education that Chuck helped me secure opened the door for me to serve as General Counsel for the Alaska Railroad. Without Chuck, my life would have been so different! I have no idea how many other young people Chuck encouraged and sponsored over the years. There were many. I do know that Chuck's own children are simply outstanding and godly people who reflect their parents' values and interest in the welfare of others. God's good and faithful servants, Chuck and Anabelle have left a tremendous legacy. Our memories of them bring smiles and warm affection.##imported-begin##Larry Wood##imported-end##

April 14 at 6:00 PM



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Anonymous posted:

My condolences on your loss, Don. Please pass along condolences to your family also. From personal experience, you will always miss your parents, but it is the natural progression of life. I didn't really know your Dad, just your Mom, but you were an upstanding "boy" so they must have been good people. (I can't believe it's been 45 years since we graduated C.P. High.) God Bless, Barbara Walton Jackson##imported-begin##Barbara Jackson##imported-end##

April 14 at 6:00 PM



Anonymous posted:

Chuck was always there to help, whether it was with 4-H or just the right word. I'll never forget the tree planting in Orting. It rained a lot, so we would sit in front of the D-7 to stay warm, while we ate our lunches and talked. Great times and better memories. I'll really miss him.##imported-begin##George Wood##imported-end##

April 12 at 6:00 PM



Anonymous posted:

I had the privilege of growing up in LCCC and therefore, knowing Chuck & Annabelle. Both had warm, friendly, welcoming words for everyone. I knew them to be involved, loving people. In regards to Chuck, his smile is the first thing that comes to mind! (Many of his family and extended family have that same wonderful smile!) I knew him to be the husband of Annabelle, the father of Kathy & Diana (I didn't know the son, sorry!), and just a fine, kind gentleman. In reading his obituary, I learned so much more about him. That he was involved in so many organizations certainly affirms his caring nature. Many, many people were blessed to know this man! You all are in my prayers as you adjust to daily life without him "here". (How VERY wonderful to know where he is!) Praying for your comfort, Kathi Loverin##imported-begin##Kathi Loverin##imported-end##

April 12 at 6:00 PM



Anonymous posted:

I worked with Chuck from 1941 as also a Telegraph Opr Actually Relieved him at McCarver St. Telegraph Station He was a good friend and great to work with. Always sent New men to me to break in as new employees. I'll probably be joining you soon, Chuck. I'm now 88. I left you guys for a while during WWII but made it back and back to work on the old NP Ry. Retired in 1980. Good by Chuck. Nice working with you. 73, Bud##imported-begin##Allan G. Emmons##imported-end##

April 11 at 6:00 PM



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Anonymous posted:

my deepest sympathy for your loss. May gods love guide you during this time of sorrow, and may you find solace in his care. Chuch started me and Mary in a succesful rental business years ago. He was a great friend. charles##imported-begin##Charles Radziski##imported-end##

April 11 at 6:00 PM



Anonymous posted:

We remember very fondly our family visits to Tacoma and the kindness of your father.Love,Ann, Craig, Rachel & Cathrine Shepard##imported-begin##Ann and Craig Shepard##imported-end##

April 11 at 6:00 PM



Anonymous posted:

I am so sorry about the passing of your dad. He was a very kind and generous person. I will miss him a lot.##imported-begin##Patti Nelson##imported-end##

April 10 at 6:00 PM



Anonymous posted:

With his big wide smile and a wave of his hand I knew our eyes had met and we connected even without alot of spoken words. An amazing man who will be missed.##imported-begin##Patricia Ryan##imported-end##

April 10 at 6:00 PM



Anonymous posted:

NULL##imported-begin##Dale and Martha Morrison##imported-end##

April 10 at 6:00 PM



Anonymous posted:

Fine example of a godly man.##imported-begin##Jo Oliver##imported-end##

April 9 at 6:00 PM



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Anonymous posted:

The night before Chuck went home I had a dream about him. It was so pleasant. He and I were just chatting and he asked me for some water and oranges =)Nothing without honor and respect is spoken of him.Much love and care to all the family.##imported-begin##Alaynna##imported-end##

April 9 at 6:00 PM



Anonymous posted:

I have been regularly praying for Chuck and was just praying for him Wednesday, not knowing he had been ill and that he was already with the Savior! May God comfort you all. He was such a kind man. I'm presently in Calif. for a month of vaction, but return Apr. 20 to Chad.##imported-begin##Marlene Etter##imported-end##

April 9 at 6:00 PM



Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Carl by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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