



Earl Melvin Scellick

August 6, 1924 - March 15, 2021

Earl Scellick ended his 96-year marathon on March 15, 2021. Born Aug. 6, 1924, in Hastings, N.D. to Frank Scellick and Lillian Christenson Scellick, he was the first of five children of Norwegian, Swedish, and German ancestry.

Born just before the Great Depression, a time that would shape his future and the futures of millions of other Americans, those years left a deep impression on him.

Other events that followed would continue that impression as he entered World War II in the 1940s.

Training from his service in the Navy, as a Machinist Mate 3rd Class, taught him the “Navy” way. Everything had a place, it had to be in order, be clean, and done right. That was something he lived by.

Following the war years, he drove through Ephrata with his parents on a dusty, 100-degree day in a 1930s-era car with no air conditioning. “Who would want to live here,” he thought as they drove the streets.

Settling in Tacoma, where his family lived, Earl met Cecelia Reopelle, who was a co-worker with his sister Maxine. At the invitation of his future father-in-law, they sat at a local tavern where Al Reopelle made certain that any

children born would be raised in the Catholic faith. Once Al had that assurance, the wedding was held on Nov. 26, 1947, a marriage lasting 73 years.

Earl and Cecelia moved to that dusty hot town in 1948 where he delivered fuel to construction crews working on the canal being constructed in central Washington.

He opened "Earl's Mobil" in 1951. After 20 years, Earl purchased a new business that became "Earl's Texaco." He retired in 1989.

Earl was the oldest of four siblings who preceded him in death. He is survived by his wife Cecelia, children Steve, Mike, Diana Wavra, and Rene Kamstra.

Earl lived in the same house for 66 years until moving to the Coolidge House where he was under the care of Harold Geesey and Betty Taylor for the final weeks of his life. The family is grateful for their excellent care of him.

Please express your thoughts and memories for the family at www.nicolesfuneralhome.com.

Arrangements are under the care of Nicoles Funeral Home of Ephrata.

Cemetery Details

Ephrata Catholic Cemetery

333 E St. SW
Ephrata, WA 98823

Previous Events

Rosary

MAR **24.** 8:00 PM - 8:30 PM (PT)

St. Rose of Lima
323 D St. SW
Ephrata, WA 98823

Mass of Christian Burial

MAR **25.** 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (PT)

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Tribute Wall

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“ I remember Earl as a very nice and organized man with a big smile every time I saw him. I looked up to him for having his own Texaco Station. My condolences to his family. I'm sure he'll be missed greatly by his family and friends

Tom McIntee - April 05, 2021 at 02:11 PM

SD

“ My condolences to the family. He was such a kindhearted man with a servant's heart. I always looked up to Uncle Earl and I enjoyed getting to visit with him when I would stay in Ephrata. He was hard working man and had such a great love for his family. I always felt like he had a good balance of what is important in life. It always seemed like he was content in life. He was such a great part of the Ephrata community. I have been blessed that I got to have him as an Uncle.

Shaun DeForrest - March 25, 2021 at 03:10 PM

ND

“ You all are in our thoughts and prayers. Earl was an amazing man. God bless you all.

Love Nicole and Warren Davidson



Nicole Davidson - March 25, 2021 at 02:01 PM

LK

“ We will sure miss his smiling face in our office he was always so kind. Rather than be sad for his loss, how blessed you were to have him for so many years.

your friends at the licensing department,

fondly,

Lori, Diane and Yaneht

Lori Kinzel - March 24, 2021 at 02:00 PM

NK

“ Condolences on the loss of your husband, dad and grandpa. He will be greatly missed. Prayers for your comfort. Noella and Brian Kirkham.



Noella Kirkham - March 23, 2021 at 09:27 PM

JL

“ Condolences on the loss of Mr. Scellick. A long time icon of Ephrata. Prayers for your comfort.

Joyce LoParco - March 21, 2021 at 03:44 PM