



ARCHIE CRESS

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It is with tears, I write to tell you that my beloved husband of 56 years, Archie, has moved to a different address; Heaven!

Sunday morning, December 12, 2010, after a battle with heart disease that started over 65 years ago while he was growing up in Spokane, finally culminated with his death.

The last 6 months have been difficult for him, but he was a 'doer' until the end. His last Saturday with us was spent supervising his son Ted, wife Teri and granddaughter Callae in the woodshop, helping them make pens for Christmas presents.

That evening we went to the Model A Christmas Banquet in Bellevue, using his wheelchair so he could provide the longevity patches for members in that wonderful hobby he loved.

The service was held on Monday, Dec. 20th at Westminster Chapel in Bellevue, our church home the last 40 years. He's working on your mansion up in heaven!

Blessings on y'all,

Joan Cress

Editor Note: Archie was a 33-year member of MAFCA and a member of the Evergreen Chapter. With Frank Rosin, Archie founded and wrote the A-World magazine from 1996 to 2009. Archie and Frank were awarded MAFCA Life Memberships in 2003. Here are a few words from Frank:

Archie grew up in Spokane Washington and as a boy worked in his Aunt and Uncle's neighborhood general store. That is where he got and saved the Indian Head Pennies he gave away as prizes in A-World. At age 14 he contracted Rheumatic Fever which confined him to bed rest for many months. During these months began his life long interests in radio shows, building projects, magic tricks, adventure stories and good natured mischief. After high school on a train to his second year at Bob Jones University, he met Joan sitting in a car behind his. Joan was knitting socks for her then boyfriend but eventually Archie became the recipient of the socks and his wife of 53 years.

In 1954 they settled in Sierra Madra where he began his teaching career. Moving to Seattle in 1962, they became full-time parents at McKinley house where they looked after a growing handful of foster boys. In 1969 they moved to Issaquah where he became a waterfront director of Camp Sambica in addition to teaching metal shop at Seattle's Madison Junior High. It was here in their Issaquah home he got a Model A Fordor as a weekend project. This never got very far and eventually he got his 1931 Slant Window Fordor.

In 1990 he spent the first of two, three month missionary visits to the Makki Station in Ethiopia where he helped build a bridge over a stream. This was a major access for the Mursi people to

get to the outside world. Six months later he went again, this time with Joan, to continue the work.

Archie spent a year as president of the Evergreen Chapter and many years as editor of the Evergreen newsletter. Fourteen years ago, he was asked by Judy Hamilton, the MAFCA President that year, to become co-creator and co-editor of the A-World youth publication. Always mindful of youth, he took part following the History Channel X-Cup division of the Great Race. Pictures and stories about the Great Race as well as fiction stories of his youth in the Spokane area became a big part of the A-World.

In December of 2003 he was awarded a Lifetime Membership in The Model A Ford Club of America, the 25th person in the 50 plus years of our organization.

Archie was a husband, a father, a grandfather, a teacher, a craftsman, a missionary, a story-teller, a writer, and a man of great faith. We are all blessed to have known him.

Frank Rosín

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