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Armstrong, Henry 'Hank'

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Longtime local resident Henry G. Armstrong, 85, of Castle Rock died March 8, 2009, at St. John Medical Center.

He was born Nov. 7, 1923, in Kapowsin, Wash., to Thomas and Carrie (Karr) Armstrong. Hank graduated with the Castle Rock High School Class of 1942.

Hank was a logger, owned Castle Rock Feed Store and retired as a supervisor from Reynolds Metals.

He was extremely proud to have served his country during World War II as an Army staff sergeant. His 96th Infantry "Deadeye" Division received the presidential citation for extraordinary heroism in Okinawa and Leyte. Hank enjoyed attending the 96th national reunions, clam digging, hunting and farming. He was an avid reader and "almost" a master gardener.

Hank is survived by his wife of 62 years, Colleene Armstrong at home; a daughter, Cindy in Kelso; a sister, Myrtle Pete of Kelso; many beloved nieces and nephews; some very special neighbors and friends; and his constant canine companion, Rosie.

He was preceded in death by his parents and four sisters, Effie, Nellie, Mae and "Bill".

A graveside service will be held at 10 a.m. Saturday at Vader Catholic Cemetery. A memorial service will follow at 11 a.m. Saturday at Castle Rock Methodist Church. The Rev. Floyd Green and Les Green will officiate. A viewing will be held from 1 to 6 p.m. Friday at Hubbard Funeral Home.

Contributions in his Hank's name may be made to the Castle Rock Public Library.