

Robert V. Adams



Funeral Mass for Robert V. Adams, 88, of Harrington, took place Thursday morning, Dec. 23, at St. Francis Catholic Church in Harrington. Rosary service was the previous evening. Father Pat MacMahon officiated at both services.

Mr. Adams died Dec. 19 in Davenport. He was born June 11, 1922, in Spokane to Wade and Johanna Adams – 45 minute behind his twin brother Jack. He attended St. Francis Assisi and St Augustine schools, West Valley High School and Gonzaga Prep, all in Spokane, and graduated in 1940 from Harrington High School, after the family moved to the Rocklyn area. He completed courses needed for college at Harrington, then studied mechanics engineering at Gonzaga University. When the U.S. declared war on Japan he enlisted in the aviation cadet program at Geiger Field, took classes at Montana State College in Bozeman, Mont., and was stationed in Nebraska, California, Nevada and Florida. During a 30-day leave, he returned to Harrington and became engaged to Marie Timm. They were married June 14, 1945 shortly before his honorable discharge.

He was a B-17 pilot and flew across various locations in Canada, Europe and the U.S., and recalled a flight in April 1945 to view war damage in Germany during which the plane never got higher than 500 feet "We flew so low over Paris, France, that I looked up at the Eiffel tower as we circled it and saw the Arc of Triumph, flew down the Rhine in Germany and saw all the castles built there," he wrote.

After the war, he worked as a machinist in Spokane for about five years before beginning to farm about 320 acres in the Harrington area purchased by his father-in-law in 1950, while continuing to work in Spokane as a television serviceman, tool and die maker for Columbia Electric and as an electrician for the Mead aluminum plant, where he helped build new pot-lines. Harrington became the family's permanent home in 1964.

He was a member of the St. Francis Catholic Church, Ham Radio Operators (W70HI), Harrington Lions Club and Gun Club and the Lincoln County Emergency Ham Radio Response Team. He enjoyed traveling to Hawaii, Mexico and Canada. He was preceded in death by his parents, sister Marguerite Brown, and twin brother Dr. Jack Adams. Besides his

wife of 65 years, he leaves two children, Mary Louise (and Guy) Rutherford of Spokane Valley, and John Adams of Harrington; four grandchildren, Kelley and Andy Boyd and Jacob Adams, all of Coulee City, Joshua Adams of Harrington and Jennifer Adams of Spokane; three great-grandchildren, Brayton, Adyson and Haydon; a brother, Joe Adams of Portland, Ore.; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Memorials may be made to St. Francis Catholic Church or the Hillcrest Cemetery Endowment Care Fund. *Strafe Funeral Home, Davenport*