ABOUT FRED

Fred Rosmond was raised on a dairy farm and attended schools in Oakville and Montesano, Washington. He earned a degree in logging engineering from the University of Washington School of Forestry in 1939 and met his beloved wife Mary while attending the University.

In 1945, Fred and his family moved to Forks, Washington, where he and his two brothers built and operated a cedar sawmill, Rosmond Brothers Lumber Company, until they sold the business in the early 1980s. Rosmond Brothers shipped high quality Western Red Cedar products to many parts of the world.

Fred received the Golden Award from the Society of American Foresters in 2000 to commemorate his 50th anniversary as a member of the Society.

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Frederick B. Rosmond
1915 – 2003
Forks, Washington
Fred’s passion all his life was growing trees. His yard in Forks includes trees he started from seeds collected while in college and on his travels. His favorite redwood tree, shown below, now stands 110 feet tall.

### A MAN AND HIS TREE

When the University of Washington College of Forestry neared the end of spring quarter in 1935, Professor William Harrar (later the co-author of the standard text on dendrology) gave his student Fred Rosmond a cone from a Giant Sequoia tree. He challenged Fred to extract seed from the cone and grow himself a tree. Fred placed the seed in moist sand. It sprouted, and he moved the seedling with him by transplanting until finally planting it when 8 feet tall at his residence in Forks in 1952. The tree grew phenomenally on his one-acre home arboretum. Thirty-two species, most grown from seeds collected by Fred as he traveled the world, share the site. The tree is now six feet in diameter and 110 feet in height.

Fred’s integrity and stewardship is symbolized by this tree.

Fred loved to share stories about the origins of his personal arboretum with visitors. Neighbors and international travelers alike found their way to Fred’s arboretum, where they were treated to quiet lessons on both how to grow trees and how trees grow.

The Olympic Natural Resources Center is honoring the lifelong work of Fred Rosmond with the creation of an endowment fund to offer educational programs in forestry to local communities. The programs will emphasize silviculture – the art and science of growing trees – with attention to human needs and objectives.

Fred Rosmond gave his best through his life’s work in forestry. We ask you to consider the same through a gift today. Help us keep alive the quiet lessons from Fred and benefit generations to come. Your thoughtful support will make this vision a reality. Thank you!