



Face of Fillmore

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The Face of Fillmore would like to thank many of our town's residents for the heartwarming tribute that has been paid to a life-long resident of years ago, and his service to our community.

On Thursday, May 2, a headstone was put in place at the grave of "Pug" Frampton whose legacy of taking care of Fillmore will long be remembered. It is hoped that the memories here will bring back some pleasant ones for other readers, as well.

"Pug" was born Edward Monte Frampton on July 22, 1914 in Fillmore to Edward Alonzo and Vilate Bennett Frampton.

His life was solitary and filled with personal tragedy. As an infant, his father passed away – shot in a hunting accident during the deer hunt - leaving his mother to care for Pug and an older son. Before Pug reached the age of 40, she too passed away. Pug lived alone for his remaining years.

Pug was different from others around him. He didn't fit the mold of what people thought of as normal, causing some to feel nervous, though he was a quiet, kind person at heart. Rumor has it that he suffered a brain injury at a very young age, which created his problems.

His contribution to our community was done quietly, and without asking for recognition. Each evening after the businesses had closed for the night, Pug was seen going from door to door of those businesses, making sure the doors were securely locked. He carried with him a set of



keys that probably fit only his own home, but which were important to him. He also attended the movies at the Avalon Theatre, taking tickets and walking the aisles to quiet down any rowdy patrons so all could enjoy the movie. Some families reported him walking groups of youngsters home after the movie to make sure they got home safely.

Stories are also told of his service to neighbors, sharpening lawn mower blades and other tasks, just to help out. He relished the kind attention people gave to him. From him, people learned about kind, gentle service to others.

Some of his closest friends visited him in his final days at the rest home in Parowan. He was clean, kind, so happy to visit with extended family and friends. He remembered so much! He was cared for, bathed, entertained and loved. Then, ultimately, he went home to rest.

A large group of distant relatives and friends came together recently to contribute to the headstone recently placed at his gravesite. In a conversation with David Wade, Terri Hoover, Shari Gillins and others, they realized he had no headstone. A collection was taken and nearly 50 people donated toward this project. Local mortician Ryan Stevens donated the headstone at his cost.

Now the final resting place for Pug in the Fillmore City Cemetery is beautifully marked – a fitting tribute to Fillmore's Night Watchman.