



## Alfred Emerson Rusch

September 28, 1922 - February 21, 2015

Alfred Emerson Rusch, best known as “Al”, passed away on Saturday, February 21, 2015 at the age of 92. He had resided at the Lynden Health Care Center for the last 4 years.

Born on September 28, 1922 in Regina, Saskatchewan, Al was the oldest of 6 children. He served in the Canadian Army from 1943 – 1946, where he met and married Beatrice Moores in 1944. Along with their three children, they made Bellingham their home in 1954.

The Rusch family was musically gifted and Al’s talent was playing the banjo. Music was an important part of his life from the time he was very young and the memory of Sunday gatherings live on in the hearts of his children.

His wife, Beatrice, predeceased him in March of 2009. He is survived by a brother, Jim Rusch of Abbotsford, BC and a sister, Pearl of Prince George, BC. He leaves behind his daughters; Carol Lampman of Tucson, AZ; Sandra Fairbanks of Bellingham; Cheryl Bendure of Anacortes; as well as five grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

Al’s greatest accomplishment was the establishment of Al’s RV Center. He leaves the legacy that marks the spot of his achievement in the form of a sign that you cannot miss as you drive north on I-5. In honor of Al Rusch, the next

time you pass by that sign, honk your horn.

Special thanks to the staff at LHC, Harvey Gunderson and Kathy Kershner for their love and support. A private celebration of Al's life will take place in March.

In lieu of flowers, donations to Alzheimer's Research.

# Tribute Wall

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“ *May you rest in peace Uncle Al. Love Debbie*

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**Debbie Rusch McDonald** - February 21, 2015 at 12:00 AM

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“ *My brother Lee and I only learned of uncle Al's passing. We love you and we miss you uncle Al. RIP and have a big party with the rest of the clan in heaven . . . I expect to hear some beautiful music!*

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**Gail Wright Ballinger** - February 21, 2015 at 12:00 AM