



Alister Elder Forsythe

October 28, 1924 - May 16, 2013

Alister E. (Choke) Forsythe passed away May 16, 2013 at Bellingham Health Care in Bellingham, WA. He was born October 28, 1924 in Giscome B.C., Canada. He is survived by two of his four siblings; James (Edna) Forsythe and Shirley McGarrigle, two children; Sheila (Gary) Nawman and Dean (Mikeal) Forsythe, two grandchildren; Jesse (Kim) Forsythe and Melissa Forsythe, great-grandson, Dylan Forsythe, and numerous nieces and nephews. Al was preceded in death by his wife Lila in 2011.

Al joined the Navy with many of his neighborhood friends and his brother Jim in the fall of 1942. After the navy, he and Lila married and had 64 wonderful years together.

He worked in the Bellingham coal mine for a couple of years, surviving a cave-in by diving into a hole. His leg was broken in two places, and he spent many months recuperating in St. Lukes Hospital. Always open for something different occupationally, he moved his family to Lacombe, Oregon in 1952 where he joined other family members working at a shingle mill. He always said that those few years he lived and worked in Oregon were some of the best years of his life.

A nephew recently remarked, Uncle Choke never met a stranger. That gift of gab led him to embark on an insurance career in 1956. After some schooling,

Al moved the family back to Custer, WA and started working for Allstate Insurance. Eventually, he and Lila bought Blaine Insurance, where he worked until he retired.

Passionate about golf, he and Lila were members of the Bellingham Country Club, making many new life-long friends and several holes-in-one (although, much to his dismay, Lila got the first one).

Als ashes will be buried along with Lilas at the Haynie Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, please send a donation to Haynie Cemetery, C/O Connie Boice, 3333 McGee Road, Custer, WA 98240. This little cemetery does not get any funds from the county, so all donations are greatly appreciated.

Als family would like to thank the staff of Bellingham Health Care for their loving kindness during Als stay, and especially during his final days.

He will be missed by all who knew him. A memorial service may be announced at a later date. Moles Farewell Tributes-Greenacres

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Tribute Wall

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“ I congratulate, you were visited with simply brilliant idea
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CK

“ My condolences to Sheila, Dean and your families on Al's passing. I
hope Al is trying to sell Dad insurance in heaven!

Cookie Kellar - May 16, 2013 at 12:00 AM

BE

“ Dean and Family: I'm sorry to hear about your recent loss. You are
in my thoughts and prayers! Your friend, Bob Ewing

Bob Ewing - May 16, 2013 at 12:00 AM