



Homer Dean Zatrine

November 10, 1926 - September 14, 2013

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Homer Dean Zatrine, beloved father, grandfather and brother passed away Saturday, September 14, 2013 in his home in Bellingham at the age of 86.

He is preceded in death by his parents, and is survived by his four children, Barbara, Gregory, Janelle, and Eric; his five grandchildren, Anni-Michele, Keira, Alexa, Nicholas, and James; as well as his two siblings, Katherine and Steven, and their families.

Homer was born on November 10, 1926 to Henry E. and Catherine Winifred Zatrine (Harpst) in Bellingham, WA. He was always a hard worker, starting his first job as a paperboy at age 10, and later delivering groceries and working in the local shipyard, before graduating from Bellingham High School in 1946. Homer worked over 40 years for Georgia Pacific Corporation, before retiring as machine tender at age 59.

He was an avid fisherman and skier in his younger years, but his proudest moment was when he flew his Piper Cub over Mount Baker, a story that he told proudly until the day he passed. He was incredibly intelligent, exemplified by his mastery of chess and his ability to repair almost anything, and he spent much of his time listening to opera, classical music and the air traffic control

on his radio.

He will be remembered for his irreplaceable sense of humor, his infectious laugh, his high-pitched whistling, and his readiness to provide his family with the most up-to-date weather report. More than anything, though, his family will remember him as a kind, caring, and generous soul, who they are proud to have known and loved.