



## John Edward MacDonald

May 26, 1922 - January 30, 2014

Pittsfield, Massachusetts

John E. MacDonald was born on May 26, 1922 in Pittsfield, Massachusetts to John and Margaret (Flood) MacDonald and grew up mostly in California. He passed away peacefully on January 30, 2014, at age 91 in his Bellingham home. He was predeceased by his first wife Lucille J. MacDonald and mother of his children. He is survived by his second wife Theresa E. MacDonald of Surrey, B.C.; two sons, Gary J. MacDonald (Marvalee), of Sparks, NV and Jeffery L. MacDonald of Portland, OR; three grandchildren Robert J. MacDonald (Monique), William S. MacDonald (Lori), Katherine S. Dernbach (Dave) and four great-grandsons.

During WWII he worked in the shipyards of southern California as a welder and served in the Merchant Marines and the US Army Air Corps. A jack of all trades, he moved to Bellingham in 1946, where he worked for Weldit Tank and Steel, Hillview Dairy, and L.L. Sturtz Plumbing and Heating as a journeyman sheet metal worker. In 1965, he and his first wife Lucille started an apartment rental business for Western Washington University students which they operated until they retired in 1978. John was active in the Sheet Metal Workers Union and served as secretary of the Washington State Association of Apartment Operators from 1972-78 and Executive Vice President of the Northwest Apartment Operators Association from 1971-84. Following

retirement he spent winters as a snowbird in Apache Junction, Arizona and travelled extensively in the U.S., Canada, Mexico, Australia, New Zealand, China, Europe, the Caribbean, Egypt and Israel. John loved driving and socializing. He was well liked and helpful to friends and neighbors. Those who knew and loved him will greatly miss him.

#### Farewell Tribute Information

A Funeral Service will be held on Friday, February 7, 2014 at 1:30pm in Moles Bellingham.

# Tribute Wall

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“ *We will always remember the good times we had together at Golden Sun, dancing, socializing or just having a friendly visit. He was a good friend.* ”

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**Bob & Lucille Rice** - January 30, 2014 at 12:00 AM