



## Richard Walter Rossmeisl

July 30, 1930 - August 25, 2014

Bellingham

Richard (Rich) Walter Rossmeisl, Sr., beloved husband, father, grandfather, brother and friend, passed away Mon., Aug. 25, 2014 at the age of 84 in Bellingham, WA, following a courageous battle with mesothelioma cancer.

He was born to Walter A. and Owena (Stetson) Rossmeisl in Springfield, Mass, where he attended school prior to enlisting in the US Marine Corps. He served proudly in the 1st Marine Regiment and received the "Purple Heart" as one of "The Chosin Few", surviving the Battle of Chosin Reservoir, a decisive battle of the Korean War. In 1967 Richard retired as a US Air Force Officer after 20 years of military service. Following his military career, Richard worked in a variety of challenging careers, eventually retiring from Western Washington University's Building Services Department in Nov. of 1995.

Rich and his wife, Helen, lived in Bellingham for many years and enjoyed extensive RV travel with the Bellingham Land Cruisers, where Rich served as the Cruiser's President for two years. Richard was an avid reader, treasured his pilot's license, his sailboat, wood working, and could most often be found in his workshop creating yet another masterpiece.

Richard will be missed by his loving wife, sons; Eric (Joanna) and Richard Jr.

(Gay), daughters; Carol (Lewis), Joyce (Nile), and Janet (Gary), brother Robert, sister Joan (Richard), brother-in-law Donald, sister-in-law Shirley, brother-in-law Norman, 9 grandchildren, 12 great-grandchildren and numerous nieces and nephews. Richard was preceded in death by his grandparents, parents, sisters Marjorie and Pat, and granddaughter, Carissa.

Richard, we will forever miss your tender, loving spirit. Until we meet again sweet warrior, rest in peace!

#### Farewell Tribute Information

A memorial service with military honors, will be held at 10AM on Fri., Aug 29 at Greenacres in Ferndale, WA Donations Information

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Whatcom Hospice House in Bellingham, WA.

# Tribute Wall

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“ *Miss you forever. May you rest in peace your Brother Bob*

Robert Rossmeisl - August 25, 2014 at 12:00 AM

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“ *Our condolences. We really enjoyed the time we spent with Uncle Richard in North Carolina. Love Tim & Tina*

Tim & Tina Gregoire - August 25, 2014 at 12:00 AM

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“ *I am so sorry for your loss.*

Donna Mayotte - August 25, 2014 at 12:00 AM