



Robert J. Waters

February 22, 1924 - July 11, 2017

Robert J. Waters was born February 22, 1924 in Sioux City, IA to parents Rev. Curtis Waters and Mrs. Mary Waters. A few years later they moved to Wapato, WA. When Bob was 13 they moved to Bellingham, WA. He served in the Navy on the USS Maryland, Battle Ship, and was in all the major battles of the Pacific Theater of WWII. Later he worked in the logging industry in Washington. Bob met Ruth Erickson at St. Luke's Hospital and some months later they were married. They both attended Prairie Bible Institute in Alberta, Canada, and later moved to Darrington, WA, where their first three sons were born. They lived in San Diego, CA for several months, then moved to Custer, WA, where another son was born. Four years later, they moved to Bellingham, and Bob worked at what was then Western Washington State College, and later worked at Intalco. After retirement, Bob was finally able to follow a longtime dream; he collected as many old Washington maps as he could find and embarked on a series of road trips to visit every single town that had ever existed in Washington. He also spent time as a volunteer maintaining the Interurban Trail he loved so much.

Bob and Ruth were both able to live at home until the end. Ruth died peacefully at home on March 25, 2010 at the age of 84. Bob passed away at home on July 11, 2017 at the age of 93. Bob will always be remembered as cheery, friendly, and outgoing; he will be greatly missed by the family and friends he leaves behind. A funeral service was held for Bob in July.