



Roger E. Allen

September 16, 1932 - June 24, 2014

Bellingham, WA

“I went to the 40th Division. We were on Sand Bag Hill and the enemy was on Stalin Hill, about 100 yards to the north of us and they told me to stay low. Not a problem I said.” Roger Allen, Korea 1953 Roger had a sense of humor even about his height. He always did his duty whether in the service of his country or in his personal life. He was a Christian, had a quiet and shy disposition and sleepy humor that even made him smile. Roger was far more intelligent than he or many people thought. From an early age he was gifted mechanically and was always industrious. As a youth Roger worked summers at the family farm in North Dakota and in Spokane caring for the large vegetable garden and poultry, but I never saw him push the old lawn mower. Through out his school years he always had a morning paper route including his senior year. He actually spent a box of silver coins on his honeymoon in 1962 saved from his paper routes. Roger was frugal, but he laughed that his timing was off spending the silver dollars. He may still have a few in his lock box. If Roger were writing this he would tell you how much he appreciated his family, his coffee buddies at Target, his old friends and co-workers at Intalco and being a part of the Pearl Harbor Survivors Group and of course Jim Stansell. Roger was born September 16, 1932. His family moved to Spokane in 1941 and Roger last worked on the farm in 1956. He graduated from West Valley HS in 1952 and was later drafted into the Army. After his discharge he attended

Spokane Trade School and worked at a local sheet metal company. Roger married Arline Colby in 1962 and they moved to Alger, Washington where they bought a small farm and Roger continued to work in the sheet metal trade until he hired on at Intalco. Later they moved to Bellingham. Arline, his wife, died in 1991. Roger was preceded in death by his parents Harry and Ruth Allen (Peterson), his brother Harry Allen Jr and sisters Bonnie Wood and Betty Moore. He is survived by his sister Wanda Halverson (Ronald), Captain Cook, Hawaii and James Allen (Nancy), Spokane, Washington and twelve nieces and nephews.

Farewell Tribute Information

A memorial service for Roger will be held on Friday August 22 at 11:00am at Greenacres Memorial Park in Ferndale, WA.

Tribute Wall

AM

“ Allan and I include Roger as one of our good friends. We are so sorry he will not continue to be with us. Just this spring we took Jim Stansell and Roger to a Pearl Harbor Survivors member birthday party for Genny and now we are going this Sunday to Camano Island to celebrate Erling’s birthday. Roger told me how he and Jim had purchased a used pick-up for Erling and he “purchased the front part.” We will miss Roger.

Allan and Karen MacKay - June 24, 2014 at 12:00 AM

GV

“ Roger was a sweet, gentle soul and always a pleasure to visit with at our monthly Pearl Harbor Survivor chapter meetings. He was a treasured friend of Jim Stansell, who introduced Roger to the rest of us. I last saw him at a young friend’s birthday celebration on Camano Island. I helped Roger to the car and had a few moments of quiet conversation with him. Farewell, our friend. You will be missed.

Gayle Vyskocil - June 24, 2014 at 12:00 AM

LA

“ Missing you Uncle Roger. I know that dad was there to welcome you to heaven.

Laura - June 24, 2014 at 12:00 AM

BQ

“ My deepest sympathy to Roger’s family and friends. May you find comfort and hope in the promise recorded for us at Revelation 21:4 where it says “And he will wipe out every tear from their eyes, and death will be no more, neither will mourning nor outcry nor pain be anymore. The former things have passed away”. All the best wishes for your family at this difficult time, might am truly sorry for your loss.

Babe Quintrall - June 24, 2014 at 12:00 AM

TW

“ I worked with Roger for many years at Intalco. He was a kind and funny man who appreciated everyone and everything around him. He was a good man and will be missed by everyone. Thank you for your service Roger. Rest in peace my friend...

Tom Warner - June 24, 2014 at 12:00 AM