



## Thomas Edward Willert

January 29, 1929 - March 24, 2014

Born in Belvedere, South Dakota

Thomas Edward Willert of Bellingham, WA went to be with his Lord Monday, March 24th, 2014. He was 85, born January 29th, 1929 in Belvedere SD, to Edward F. and Helen (Williamson) Willert.

Tom became a longtime resident of Whatcom County after marrying the love of his life Betty Jo Strickland on July 4, 1947. He was a World War II Veteran, serving in all 5 branches of the Military Reserve including the Civil Air Patrol. With his wife Betty by his side, they served as short term missionaries in Costa Rica, Fiji, Jamaica, Portugal, Samoa and Tonga. He pastored Alger Valley Christian Center and Thousand Trails for 10 years. Tom worked 39 years for Puget Power as a lineman, a troubleshooter and a supervisor.

He enjoyed camping, fishing, & traveling with his wife and 4 children. He always had a word of encouragement for others and he never held back from sharing his faith in the Lord.

Tom was preceded in death by his parents Edward & Helen, sister Mavis Coppinger, daughter-in-law Nancy Willert, grandson Michael Willert, granddaughter Tanya Davis. He is survived by his wife Betty Willert; children Linda (Roger) Furr, Tom (Karen) Willert, Jeni (Mark) Walton, Deborah (Noam)

Cohen; in-laws Gary & Sally Lynch; grandchildren Jason (Holly)Furr, Aaron (Kyoko) Furr; Cortney (Leah) Willert, Chris Davis; Brad (Mallory)Walton, Taylor Walton; Brian (Wendy) Lynch, Kevin (Christina) Lynch; great-grandchildren Ashley & Emily Furr, Dylan Furr; Trinity & Destiny Davis; Lydia Willert; Cooper, Carson & Cayden Walton; Aubrey Lynch; brother Edward Willert; and numerous nieces & nephews.

Husband, father, grandpa, uncle & friend ...you were loved and will be missed by many!

#### Farewell Tribute Information

Funeral services will be held Monday, March 31, 2014, 1:00 pm at Moles Bellingham.

A visitation will be held on Monday beginning at 11:00 am until time of service.

#### Donations Information

Memorials may be made to Wounded Warriors Project, P.O. Box 758517 Topeka, Kansas 66675.