



Calvin W. Dunnell

June 3, 1925 - April 2, 2012

Calvin W. Dunnell passed away April 2, 2012. He was born in Brainerd, MN on June 3, 1925, to Charles and Sadie Dunnell. After school, he joined the Navy during WWII and served as Gunnery Officer aboard a destroyer escort in the Atlantic. When the war ended, Cal was piped off the ship and left the Navy for forestry school at the University of Minnesota. He graduated in 1949, and moved out west and a 30 year career with the US Forest Service. While on a hike with a mountaineers group, Cal met Ruth Billings and their hike that day became a lifelong journey of love and joy. During his years with the Forest Service, Cal was an avid hiker and helped pioneer the USFS efforts to serve people who love to hike, camp and enjoy the beauty of the North Cascades. As Ranger on the Mt. Baker National Forest, Cal helped plan the route for the scenic North Cross State Highway. Cal also fought on 67 forest fires, starting out on a fire crew member and later as plans chief and fire boss. Cal and Ruth Moved to Wenatchee in 1974 and Cal took over the fledgling Recreation Department for the Wenatchee National Forest, building it from 4 people to several times that size, and also established the first ORV program in the

state of Washington before retirement. In retirement, Cal and Ruth were active members of the Christian Science Church, supporters of those in need, owners of a small apple orchard, hikers, skiers, cyclists, motorcyclists and travelers all over the world.

He is preceded in death by his wife, Ruth Dunnell, to whom he was married for over 50 years. Cal and Ruth leave behind three children, Carol Horen, David Dunnell and William Dunnell, five grandkids, respected friends, extended family and fond memories.

Arrangements are by Jones & Jones ~ Betts Funeral Home.