



## Charlie Cruickshank

May 12, 1927 - April 6, 2017

Charles "Chuck"

Cruickshank

Cashmere, WA

Charles "Chuck" Cruickshank passed away in Cashmere, WA, on Thursday, April 6, 2017, at the age of 89. Chuck was born May 12, 1927, the middle child of eight children in Lacombe, Alberta, to Robert John and Jesse Cruickshank. The family later moved to Vancouver, British Columbia, where Chuck grew up. He met and married Evangeline Zimmerman in 1949, recently celebrating 68 years of marriage. Four children were born in the next fourteen years. Chuck worked for Johnson Motors as a body/fender man until he was recruited to work for Great Northern Railroad. Chuck and Vangie left the city of Vancouver, moving first to Everett, WA, then Plain, WA, and on to Cashmere, WA, where they lived for 58 years. After 38 years with the Great Northern, then BNSF railroads, Chuck and Vangie took to the roads with their RV, exploring the U.S. and Canada. They eventually became snowbirds to Desert Hot Springs, CA, for 13 years.

Chuck was a Cashmere city councilman, a Mission Ridge ski patrolman, church elder and youth leader. He made many friends, no matter where he was in life, but most importantly to him, Chuck had a great faith and trust in Christ and a love for family that knew no end. Chuck was preceded in death by his parents, Robert John and Jesse Cruickshank; and siblings: Alec, Jack,

Colin, Shelia, Don, Kitty, and Gladys. He is survived by his wife, Vangie Cruickshank; daughter, Leslie (Mike) Anderson; son, Charlie (Alexa) Cruickshank; daughters: Susan (Alan) Flick and Becky (Ron) Kessack; grandchildren: Charissa, Peter (Rachel), Jocelyn (David), Chris (Holly), Jessica (Robert), Joshua and Ian. He cherished time with his 13 great-grandchildren.

A Memorial Service to celebrate Chuck's life well lived is set for Saturday, April 15, 2017, at 10:00 a.m., at Christ Center at The Conservatory located at the East end of the Apple Annie's Antique Mall, 100 Apple Annie Ave, Cashmere WA.