



Raymond Eugene DeWees

May 6, 1932 - January 29, 2011

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Blewett Pass, WA

Raymond Eugene DeWees, age 78, longtime resident of Blewett Pass, WA, passed away Saturday morning, January 29, 2011, surrounded by his family and close friends, at Colonial Vista Care Center, Ray was born on May 6, 1932, in Creston, IA, the sixth child of nine born to Chester and Myrtle DeWees, Ray grew up in Hoquiam, WA. After leaving school, he entered the military, where he honorably served his country. He became fascinated with the piano at a very early age, later becoming an accomplished, self-taught, professional musician, which was his lifetime dream. His rendition of a song called "Bumble Bee Boogie" drew standing ovations almost every time he performed the song. He was a member of the band, Cabin Fever, with his brothers, Roger and Dean DeWees, along with Paul Graves and Bill Allen. Raymond was well loved by all who knew him; he brought great joy and happiness to everyone he met. He will be greatly missed.

He is survived by his two brothers, Dean and Roger DeWees; sisters, Dorothy Brender and Rosemary Cooley; and nieces and nephews, Terry and Louie Brender, Deanna Smith and Linda, Ronnie and Curtis Daniel.

A memorial service will be held at 5:00 p.m. Thursday, February 3, 2011 at the Spirit Life Center, 212 Benton Street, Leavenworth. Family and friends are invited to a Reception at the home of Alan and Anna Waltar, just passed the

Ingalls Creek Enrichment Center, 12449 Ingallis Creek Road, off of the Old Blewett Pass Highway following the service.