



Robert "Bob" H. May

January 30, 1928 - April 1, 2014

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Bob, age 86, passed away surrounded by his family on April 1, 2014 at his assisted care facility. He was born to William and Bertha May on Jan. 30, 1928 and was proud to say he was a life-long resident of Wenatchee. He was the sixth of nine children, and often boasted about having seven sisters.

He met the love of his life, Elaine Evjen, at the Midget Café in Wenatchee. They were married on June 10, 1950 in her home town of Glenwood, MN. Together they raised their three sons, Steve, Jeff, & Gregg at their home in Wenatchee on Okanogan Street, originally built in 1946 by Bob's Father, William May. Bob was a devoted father who coached Little League baseball, made sure we learned to ski, took us camping at Wapato Point on weekends and fishing on an annual trip to Mutiny Bay resort on Whidbey Island. He was an officer of the Lake Chelan Yacht Club and built us a cabin there for our enjoyment.

Bob attended Wenatchee Valley College and then held various jobs during his early working years, including Valley League basketball referee, furniture salesman, drapery installer, mutual fund salesman and orchardist. The majority of Bob's career was spent in public service, as the Chelan County Treasurer for 27 years, until his retirement in 1992. While treasurer he was elected president of the Washington Association of County Officials in 1978.

He was very gregarious and a walking encyclopedia of who, what, and where things went on in Wenatchee. He very much enjoyed meeting and chatting with anyone and everyone. He was a member of the local Lions Club, participating in many fundraising and community support projects. He was also an active member of Grace Lutheran Church, serving on the church council and ushering for services. Bob was a loving husband, wonderful father and an enthusiastic community supporter. He will be dearly missed.

Bob was preceded in death by his parents, William and Bertha May; brother, Lowell; his sisters, Juanita Patrick, Pauline Thrift, Virginia Burnett, Emily Carroll, Leona Ecker, and Roberta Jackson. He is survived by his wife, Elaine May; his sister, Beverly (Virgil) Baarstad; his sons, Steve, Jeff (Ann), and Gregg (Margo); grandchildren, Ryan (Jeanine), Kyle, Phillip, Evan, Kee May and Megan (Fred) Eastman, and great-grandson, Freddie Eastman.

Viewing will be at Jones & Jones – Betts Funeral Home from 5 to 7 PM on Thursday, April 10. A Memorial Service for Bob will be at Grace Lutheran Church on Saturday, April 12 at 11 AM.

Memorials may be made to Grace Lutheran Church, Wenatchee, in memory of Bob May. Please express your thoughts and memories on the online guest book at jonesjonesbetts.com. Arrangements are by Jones & Jones-Betts Funeral Home.