



Robert E. Smith

May 1, 1923 - January 21, 2012

Robert E. Smith, 88 passed away January 21, 2012 at Central Washington Hospital. He was born May 1, 1923 in a farm house in Mt. Hood, Oregon to Gilbert and Lena (Roush) Smith. At the age of 3 he moved with his family to Wenatchee where he has since resided. Robert began his education at Columbia grade school and graduated from Wenatchee High School in 1941. He tried to enlist into the service for WWII but did not meet the weight requirement. He then went to work on an apple ranch on the Entiat River where he was later drafted into the Army on April 16, 1943. He spent 33 months, 10 days, 2 hours and 5 minutes with the 155th Engineer Combat Battalion serving in the South Pacific, Phillipines, and Japan. He was honorably discharged with 2 battle stars at Ft. Lewis on January 26, 1946. He then worked construction and later enrolled at Wenatchee Valley College in 1948 and graduated in 1950. While in school he played on the basketball team and also met his future wife, Irene Schoenmakers. They were married on July 8, 1950 in Wenatchee and have spent 61 wonderful years together. Robert began work at Keokuk Electro Metals where 3 months turned into 35 years, with 32 as a foreman. He liked sports and pitched fast pitch softball for Hugo Tavern and VFW and coached Button Jewelers to 2 Little League championships. Spending time at his lake cabin at Fish Lake was enjoyable but his favorite place in the whole world was fly fishing in the Entiat River. He is survived by his wife Irene (at home), 4 sons, Robert Jr (Laurie) Spokane, Richard (Becky) Belfair, Jeff (Charlotte) Orondo, Randy (Rowena) Bellevue,

and daughter Cheryl (Steve) Keller Paola, Kansas, one sister Marcene Trout, and many nieces and nephews, 13 grandchildren, and 16 greatgrandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents and 2 brothers Alvin and Kenneth.

Cemetery Details

Wenatchee City Cemetery

1804 N. Western
Wenatchee, WA 98801

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 26. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (PT)

Jones & Jones ~ Betts Funeral Home
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Service

JAN 27. 11:00 AM (PT)

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