



## Stearns D. Eason

September 19, 1914 - September 17, 2018

Stearns was born on September 19, 1914, to Mr. and Mrs. David Eason in British Columbia, Canada. His first year was spent in a log cabin, which his father and friends built in Smithers, BC. He graduated from Oregon State University in Civil Engineering. In 1941, he met and married Beth Beedle in Wenatchee, WA. Jobs included working for: the Washington State Highway Department, the construction of the Panama Canal, and the Army Corps of Engineers. During World War II, Stearns was commissioned as an Ensign in the Navy's Seebies, was deployed to Guadalcanal and Okinawa, and was mustered out as a Lieutenant. Stearns and Beth settled in Washington State and raised their daughters, Lynn and Barbara, while working for the State Highway Department and several private construction firms. Among his projects were: the highways around the Columbia Basin and Grand Coulee Dam, the I-5 corridor through Seattle, WA, the last power house at the Rocky Reach Dam, and establishing a Highway Department for the government of Cameroon, Africa. When he and Beth returned from Cameroon, they settled back in Wenatchee, where he worked with both Munson Nash Futrell and Goodfellows. Prior to retiring, he served as the Director of Public Works and City Engineer for Wenatchee. Three great loves developed late in Stearns' life: traveling, golf, and art glass. Travels included most of Europe, Turkey, Egypt, Morocco, Japan, the Caribbean, New Zealand, and Easter Island to name a few. Golf was typically played no fewer than three times a week, leading to numerous age group trophies, holes-in-one, and the presidency of

the Wenatchee Golf and Country Club. He had a glass kiln in the basement where he designed, cut, and fused art glass into plates, bowls, vases, and other original creations. Stearns passed on September 17, 2018, two days before his 104th birthday.

Preceding him in death was Beth, his wife of 49 years; and his sister, Mary. He is survived by his daughters: Barbara McCorkle, and Lynn (Tim) Nishimura; and grandson, David Eason Nishimura.

# Tribute Wall

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“ *Stearns was a gifted glass maker. When my mother, Edith Calhoun, passed away in 2013 my sister, my son, and I divided up the various pieces Stearns had sent to her. They are beautiful and we enjoy them.*

*Cat Calhoun*

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**Catherine Calhoun** - October 08, 2018 at 09:06 AM

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“ *Lynn and Barb  
Just learned of your father's passing. Please accept my sympathies to the entire family. I was lucky to be his neighbor for a few years. I always enjoyed visiting with him or being fortunate enough to be invited to one of his dinner gatherings. He was blessed to have two such wonderful daughters. May he Rest In Peace now.*

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**Genette Mullen** - October 02, 2018 at 06:49 PM

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“ Lynn, David, Tim and Barb,  
You are in our thoughts during this time of grief after Stearn's death. We know that he was suffering and was ready to let go after a long and amazing life. His long list of accomplishments are very impressive.

*Each of you meant so much to him. All the care and love you gave him during his most trying days will be remembered by many of us.*

*I will always have fond memories of the days that Lynn and I spent with Stearn's while he helped me make bowls from glass that I retrieved from my childhood home. Well, actually, Stearns and Lynn did everything! I just enjoyed the time we spent together.*

*Much love,*

*Iva and Hank*

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**Iva and Hank Boone** - October 01, 2018 at 02:20 PM