



## Barney Marshall Syverson

June 8, 1932 - November 8, 2015

BARNEY MARSHALL SYVERSON June 8, 1932 ~ November 8, 2015 Barney Marshall Syverson, 83, passed away Nov. 8, 2015. He was born in Arkansas City, KS, the only child of Art Syverson and Dorothy Marshall Syverson. He grew up in Perry, OK and joined the Oklahoma National Guard while still in high school. Barney served in the Korean war as a Sargent and platoon leader with Company I, 179th infantry, the Thunderbirds. He was awarded the Combat Infantryman's Badge. Barney married Shirley Mitchell in 1952 and together they were blessed with 5 children, providing them many happy years of camping, fishing, hunting, and long wonderful road trips. After raising their children, they moved to Orcas Island where he owned and operated Syverson and Son Interiors. Barney had many hobbies and interests; he had a private pilots license along with a commercial license and loved flying his Stinson Voyager tail-dragger and he owned several boats through the years and built one along the way. He spent long hours on his beloved sail boat, the Barshi, sailing in the San Juan's and in Canadian waters. Barney and Shirley returned to Vancouver, WA in 1990, where his interest in trains led him to build a large backyard railroad. He modified a bus into a luxury motorhome. He loved panning for gold and spent many hours outdoors at his claim. Barney was a kind and steady hardworking man. Those who knew him turned to him for advice because they knew Barney could figure things out and fix them. He was a dependable man, faithful husband, and loving father. Barney is survived by his wife, Shirley; daughters, Sherril Allen and Teri Buslach; sons, Barney

Syverson Jr., Steve Syverson and Jeff Syverson; 15 grandchildren; 22 great-grandchildren; and two great-great-grandchildren. Services will be held at Evergreen Memorial Gardens, Fri., Nov. 13th, 2015 at 10:00 a.m. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Kaiser Hospice, Community Hospice House or the Humane Society of Southwest Washington. Please sign his guest book at: [www.columbian.com/obits](http://www.columbian.com/obits).

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