



Benjamin Franklin Gassaway, Jr.

January 24, 1935 - February 27, 2015

BENJAMIN FRANKLIN GASSAWAY, JR. January 24, 1935 ~ February 27, 2015 "A man with a love of community and a passion for people." Benjamin "Ben" Franklin Gassaway, Jr., 80 years old, former Clark County Assessor, passed away at home in Vancouver, WA on Feb. 27, 2015. He was born Jan. 24, 1935 to Nellsia and Ben Gassaway, Sr. Ben served in the Army several years and was a member of the Rotary. He was a well-respected county assessor for 6 terms (24 years). Ben loved being an elected official, talking to anyone for hours, and being foster parents to 200 emergency care foster children. Ben is survived by his wife of 45 years and campaign manager, Rhoda "June" (Parr) Gassaway; children; Ben III, Mark, Karen Shanley, Mike, David, Steven, and Cheri Gassaway Brisbin; step-children, Sandi Kirkland, Randall Mattson, and Jeff Knapp; 26 grandchildren; numerous great-grandchildren; and his brothers, Terry, Jim and Ron Gassaway. He was preceded in death by his parents; and brother, Dick Gassaway. A funeral will be held at 12:00 p.m., Thurs., March 12, 2015 at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints Vancouver Stake Center, 10509 SE 5th St. Memorial donations may be sent to the Humane Society or Foster Parents Association. Please sign his guest book at: www.columbian.com/obits.

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