



## Bennie Obert Nelson

May 8, 1929 - July 16, 2016

BENNIE "BEN" NELSON May 8, 1929 July 16, 2016 Ben Nelson, 87, of Vancouver passed away peacefully surrounded by his family on July 16. He was born and raised in Grafton, ND. He was number eleven out of twelve children. After his mother died, he honorably served earning commendations in the U.S. Navy during the WWII Era. He was married to the love of his life, Betty, for 66 years. They moved out west on their honeymoon and fell in love with Vancouver. He worked and retired from ALCOA. Ben was a devoted father, grandfather, great-grandfather, brother, and uncle who loved spending time with his family. An avid outdoorsman, adventurous traveler, accomplished gardener and skillful craftsman. Ben treasured getting out and socializing, always having a smile and warm welcome for all. He was a long term member of the American Legion and several other organizations. Supportive to his family and friends in times of need. He will be sorely missed. In Lieu of Flowers, donations can be made to either OHSU Foundation or the Ray Hickey Hospice House in honor of Bennie.

# Tribute Wall



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**Evergreen Memorial Gardens** - July 03, 2025 at 04:57 PM

CW

“ My Favorite times with Grandpa Ben When I think of my times with Grandpa what I think of first is Sunday morning breakfast. He would get up early and put lots of potatoes through his salad shooter to prepare for his world famous potato pancakes. If you've ever had them you know they are delicious. When I came through the door there would be hugs all around and I would sit down and be greeted by a plate full of potato pancakes, eggs and bacon. We would all talk about what happened in our lives that week while golf or football was on in the background. A while after I was finished eating and we had cleaned up the table grandpa would look over to me and say "Can I get you a cool one Christopher?" And about 9 out of 10 times I would respond with a yes. One cool one would usually turn to two or three as Mase and I would challenge grandma and grandpa to cribbage match and usually get our butts kicked. Some of the best times of my life! Love you Grandpa! Take it easy up there.

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**Christopher Winstead** - July 26, 2016 at 12:00 AM

MB

“ I will miss Uncle Ben so much. He always had a smile for everyone and enjoyed "life" to its fullest. I remember all the good times at "Ben and Betty's" growing up as a kid. My prayers are with you, Aunt Betty, Bobby and Jan and your families.

*Marilyn Beers (Christy Karnes)*

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**Marilyn Beers** - July 24, 2016 at 12:00 AM

EJ

“ Rest in peace to such a great guy. and a wonderful friend with a big smile ready for everyone Our thoughts and prayers are with you Betty and Family

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**Ed& Karen Johnson** - July 23, 2016 at 12:00 AM

DD

“ Sorry to hear about Ben,He will be missed by many of us that knew him. He had a great sense of humor that brought a smile to everyone. Rest in piece BEN

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**Dan and Dee Dee Dillon** - July 23, 2016 at 12:00 AM

BS

“ May he be resting in peace in God's hand he was one nice man

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**Bunny Stevens** - July 22, 2016 at 12:00 AM

DC

“ Betty so sorry to hear about Ben .We love you both. You and your family are in our prayers . ALL OUR LOVE & PRAYERS  
DON & PATSY

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**Don & Patsy Cole** - July 21, 2016 at 12:00 AM