



## Charles Schuette

January 24, 1925 - November 13, 2014

Charles Schuette January 24, 1925 November 13, 2014 Charles Schuette was born January 24th, 1925 and died November 13th, 2014 of natural causes. His parents were Mae and Frederick Schuette who lived in Chicago, Illinois. Mae and eight year old Charley moved to Los Angeles, California where mother worked in a mattress factory and Charley went to public school. Young Charley was fascinated with airplanes so would walk or even roller skate to a near-by air field. There the plane mechanics would encourage his interest. Charley played the clarinet in high school and was chosen conductor of the orchestra for graduation. He won a model plane competition at the age of 16. After high school, Charley became a sergeant in the U.S. Army. He was soon promoted to "photo gunner" on a B-24. Charley photographed many dangerous bombing missions. He was given a medal for his part in the mission which scored three direct hits on Japanese storage tanks even though the enemy shot his B-24 in forty places that day over Borneo. Charley married Inga and they had two children, Mary and Brian, while he worked for McDonald Douglas in the wind tunnels. Charley continued designing and flying model airplanes as a hobby all his life and competed in many tournaments around the world. In retirement, Charley moved to Vancouver, Washington and married Oregonian RoseMary Wiebe (Gates) Schuette. Charley is well loved by all his family and RoseMary's family. The Schuettes moved to Emeritus Merrill Gardens in Vancouver, Washington where Charley was cared for, so lovingly, by the staff of Emeritus. Charley is survived by his

second wife RoseMary Schuette who remains at Emeritus, his son Brian Schuette and wife Michelle of Lakewood, CA; grandchildren Heidi Smith Benson and her two children, Dina Smith and Brooke Schuette, all residing in CA. Dying at eighty-nine years old, Charley knew that he had lived a full and rewarding life, leaving many loving memories for all of us.

# Tribute Wall

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“*Rosemary, I'm so sorry to hear of Charlies death. I'm very saddened to have him gone but, he is in a very much better place than he has been. If there's anything I can do, please feel free to call. All of our love to you, Scott*

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**Scott Newkirk** - November 24, 2014 at 12:00 AM