



## Clarence Franklin Holton Jr.

January 9, 1925 - December 28, 2011

CLARENCE F. "BING" HOLTON January 9, 1925 ~ December 28, 2011  
"Absent from the body, present with the Lord." "How sweet it is!" Clarence F. "Bing" Holton, 86, of Vancouver, WA, went to be with the Lord on Dec. 28, 2011 after a long illness. He was born in Moorhead, MN to Pearl L. (Erickson) and Clarence F. Holton, Sr. Bing worked in the Kaiser Shipyards and then served in the U.S. Army in the European Theater during World War II. He fought in the Battle of the Bulge. Because of his beautiful singing voice, he was dubbed "Bing" after Bing Crosby. The nickname stuck. Throughout his life he enjoyed music, sports, reading, leisurely drives, looking at the stars, watching Blazer games, and loving his family. His career was in financial institutions, beginning with First Independent Bank. He retired as manager of Sears Credit Union. He was a member of the American Legion and the Masonic Lodge. Bing lived in Vancouver (1942-1960), in Longview (1960-1971), and he returned to Vancouver where he lived until his passing. The family wishes to thank the caregivers of Unique Care Home for their loving care the past 2 1/2 years, and Kaiser Hospice. Survivors are his loving wife of 52 years, Rita Holton; daughter, Karen (Craig) White; four sons: Tony Holton, Scott Holton, Christian Holton and Larry Holton; four grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren. His parents and brother, Duane "Dewey" Holton, predeceased him. In lieu of flowers, the family suggests donations to the Shriners Hospital in Portland. A memorial service will be held at Evergreen Memorial Gardens on January 14th at 12:30 p.m.



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