



Claude Butler

January 21, 1924 - April 1, 2020

Claude Butler passed away, peacefully, in Portland, Oregon, on Wednesday, April 1, 2020, at the age of 96. He was born to Jesse and Carolina "Lena" (Blocker) Butler, January 21, 1924, in Home City, Kansas. He was the second oldest of four children. Claude married Lucille Zimmerman in Hiawatha, Kansas, January 31, 1945, having just celebrated their 75th wedding anniversary with family and friends.

After moving to Washington State in 1950 he worked ten years as a supervisor at Coast Oyster Company, in South Bend, Washington, then after moving to Yacolt, Washington, worked the rest of his life, before retirement, at International Paper Company.

Claude is preceded in death by his wife of 75 years, just 12 days earlier, on March 20, 2020; his parents; brothers: Sam and Clayton; sister Verla Smith; and grandson, David Way.

Claude is survived by his daughters: Shirley (Nick), Mickel and Carolyn (Jerry) Liby; three grandchildren: Stacey (Allen) Watkins, Julie(Chris) Palmquist and James (Heather) Way; five great-grandchildren: Josh and Ryan Palmquist and Drew, Zack and Gabbie Watkins; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Claude will be laid to rest at Evergreen Memorial Gardens, in Vancouver,

Washington, with a small family Gravesite Service.