



## Claude Earl Kretlow

August 23, 1933 - April 6, 2015

CLAUDE KRETLOW August 23, 1933 ~ April 6, 2015 Claude passed away April 6, 2015 in Vancouver, WA. He was born to Ella and Earl Kretlow on Aug. 23, 1933 in St. Cloud, MN. After several years they moved to Albert Lea, MN and later to Owatonna, MN where Claude joined Boy Scouts and graduated from Owatonna High School. Claude's college years were spent at Warner Pacific College in Portland, OR. In 1953, he and Elizabeth Brown were married in Owatonna, MN, where they lived until moving to Vancouver, WA in 1959, where their home is presently. Two sons were born to the family: Brian in 1957 and Lance in 1961. The whole family were active in Boy Scouts of America. The parents were awarded the District Award of Merit and the Silver Beaver National Award. Both sons are Eagle Scouts. Claude is survived by his wife, Elizabeth; sons, Brian of Fairbault, MN and Lance of Vancouver, WA. God gave them four special grandchildren, Jessica in Utah, Jason in Washington, Melissa in Oregon, and Lucas in Minnesota; five great-grandchildren, Olivia, Sophia, Tyler, and Abigail in Utah and Travis in Washington. Claude is also survived by his brothers, Orlo of Vancouver, WA, Elde of Owatonna, MN; sister, Gwen of Shelton, WA; and their very precious nieces, nephews, and their families in Minnesota, Washington and North Carolina. A memorial service will be held at the church Claude loved and served on several boards over the last 62 years. He was also a greeter for the past 15 years at First Church of God, 6300 NE 78th St., Vancouver, WA on Sat., May 16, 2015 at 2:00 p.m. Please sign his guest book at: [www.columbia](http://www.columbia)

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