



Clayton Ralph Wheeler

November 16, 1923 - October 13, 2009

Clay Wheeler, 85, of Vancouver, WA, passed away Oct. 13, 2009 from pancreatic cancer. He was born Nov. 16, 1923 in Belding, MI. Clay joined the U.S. Navy in 1942. He served as a Gunner's Mate 3rd Class on the USS Prichett destroyer during WW II. During two week stay in Seattle, WA, Clay met and soon married his wife of 65 years, Betty Parker Wheeler. Clay and Betty moved to the Northwest in 1948. He was a Sales Engineer selling road building and logging equipment in Oregon and Washington. He retired in 1989. Clay enjoyed his family, hunting, boating, pinochle, and traveling with Betty in their RV. For 27 years he lived on a small farm in Ridgefield. He was past-president of the Ridgefield Junction Neighborhood Association, and a member of the Vancouver Wildlife League and the Elks Club, Lodge #823. He enjoyed bird hunting with various dogs. Clay is survived by his wife, Betty; daughters, Terry Walsh, Vancouver, and Sara Paul, Woodland, WA; sons-in-law, Jeff Walsh and Ken Paul; grandchildren, Shawn Hester, San Diego, CA, Connie Custodio, Los Angeles, CA, Sally Waddle and Kyle Walsh, both of Vancouver, John Paul, Woodland; plus four great-grand- children; and a sister, Barbara Wheeler of Lansing, MI. He was preceded in death by one daughter, Judy Hester.

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“ I wish I could be with with family today. Thank God I was able to be with Clay and everyone in August. You are all in my thoughts and prayers. As Clay told me, "I'll see you soon." God Bless everyone. Love. Barbara

Barbara - October 17, 2009 at 12:00 AM