



Dr. Evans G. Nelson

September 5, 1922 - October 31, 2011

Evans G. Nelson September 5, 1922 to October 31, 2011 Evans Nelson passed away in Vancouver, Washington at the age of 89 in the loving arms of his wife Marilyn on October 31st 2011. He was born to George and Esther Nelson in Los Angeles, California on September 5, 1922. The family moved to the Pacific Northwest in 1924. He graduated in 1939 from Stadium High School in Tacoma, Washington. After attending the University of Puget Sound, he earned his Doctorate of Medical Dentistry in 1945 at North Pacific Dental College in Portland, which is currently OHSU, School of Dentistry. He served in the US Navy as a dentist in Japan and was honorably discharged as a Lieutenant JG in 1947. In 1948 he began his dental practice in Vancouver. He married Marilyn Walker in 1949 and they lived their entire married life in Vancouver where they raised their children. Along with his parents and extended family, Evans was a long time member of Temple Baptist Church in Portland and its affiliated conference where he served on various committees and boards both locally and nationally. He was a member of the Vancouver Rotary Club, Clark County and Washington State Dental Societies, and the Christian Medical Dental Society. Evans enjoyed taking his family on car trips including annual visits to Palm Springs and the San Juan Islands. He enjoyed spending the summers with his family at their cabin on Blue Lake. At Blue Lake he generously hosted many and provided opportunities for water-skiing, boating and swimming. Evans was frequently found behind the lens of his various cameras taking lots of family photos. He meticulously designed and

built his clinic, Vancouver home, apartment complexes and their summer home at Blue Lake. Evans was known to his family as loving and faithful, a provider and protector. Friends and the community knew him as a man of faith and integrity, a strong leader, an excellent dentist, and an encourager who was full of wise principles and guidance. Evans is survived by his wife of 62 years, Marilyn, children: Steve of Fairview, OR; Shari and (Tom) Anderson of Lake Oswego, OR; Julie and (Randy) Grove of Vancouver, WA; grandchildren, Jenny and Marina Nelson; Dan and (Kara) Anderson, David and (Cindy) Anderson, Lindsey and (Mark) Yeung; Bryan, Laura, Lisa and Alan Grove; great grandchildren Annika and Tate Anderson; sister Eleanor and (Harry) Rygmyr of Tacoma, WA, and five nieces and six nephews. A private committal service will be held at Willamette National Cemetery. The memorial service will be held at 2:00 pm on Saturday, November 12th at Temple Baptist Church; 1319 NE 7th Ave, Portland, OR 97232. Memorial gifts may be sent to Temple Baptist Church for educational scholarships.

Tribute Wall



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“ *Steve: Difficult as it is to believe that your sweet father is gone, you will just keep moving on, whether or not you want to, and whether or not you appear to be. If you ask how to get through your days, rather than ask how to move on, time will move you on, and your heart will tell you when to take another step. As the days and months pass, though, you will continue to remember the "bits" of joy that he brought to you and to take the time to relax, allow and savor every moment that you were his son. God Bless you and your family. Now and always!*

Deborah Monk - November 03, 2011 at 12:00 AM