



Ed Sidberry Jones III

February 28, 1928 - December 30, 2015

ED S. JONES III February 28, 1928 ~ December 30, 2015 Ed S. Jones III, 87, passed away peacefully to his eternal home, Dec. 30, 2015. He was born in Colorado City, TX, Feb. 28, 1928 to Ed S. Jones Jr. and Mildred Jones. His family moved to La Porte, TX where he joined the Texas State Guard and graduated from La Porte High School in 1945. Ed attended Texas A&M and in 1946 enlisted in the Army Air Force. He obtained the rank of Staff Sargent in the Medical Squadron at Scott Field, AFB and was discharged in September 1949. He attended Pasadena City College and worked as a guide for hunters and fisherman in the High Sierras. After college, Ed began working in sales for AIRCO which is now Linde. In 1955, he moved to Hollywood, CA and met Elaine Richter, who became his wife. In 1958, they were married for 57 wonderful years. They had 2 son's and 1 daughter. In 1969, Ed was transferred from San Francisco to Vancouver. His family was the most important part of his life. They enjoyed fishing, boating, hunting, and radio controlled planes. He taught the family to tie flies for fishing, and they took classes to properly handle a gun safely. When they left to go hunting Sandy would always tell him "Please don't shoot Bambi.". Ed became a member of the Coast Guard Auxiliary where he taught water safety to preschooler, school age and adults. Ed earned the Coxswain Pin to run the 44's off the Pacific Coast. He was elected Flotilla 7-8 Commander from 1986-1987. In 1989-1990, he was Division Captain of the US Coast Guard Auxiliary Division 7. He also patrolled the rivers and checked boats for safety. Ed was a Boy Scout

Leader, attended Summer and Winter Camps, and served on Scout Boards for 12 years. He taught outdoor activities and helped in candy sales for Camp Fire Girls. His favorite hobby was golf. Ed learned to play golf in high school, he belonged to clubs in every city he lived. He won many trophies and was a member of Columbia Edgewater. He organized tournaments for AIRCO and was on the committee of the First Lutheran Cup in Vancouver. Ed tried to teach the family to golf but was unsuccessful. In later life he enjoyed practicing his swing at the golf range. The family became members of Grace Lutheran Church in the 70's. Ed was active in the church on several boards, co-treasurer, played bells, and served wherever he was needed until he was no longer able. Ed enjoyed life and all that God gave him. He is survived by his wife, Elaine; son, Richard (Annie) Jones, Fern Prairie; daughter, Sandy (Tim) Archer, Atherton, CA; daughter-in-law , Bethany O'Driscoll-Jones, Albany, NY; 2 grandchildren, Eli O'Driscoll-Jones and Claire Archer; sister, Mary Ledbetter, Boise ID; several nieces and nephews and there families. He was preceded in death by his parents; and his son, Ed "Sid" Jones IV. The Funeral service will be held Sunday, January 17 at 4:00 P.M. at Grace Lutheran Church, Vancouver, reception to follow. In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be made to Grace Lutheran Preschool or Alzheimer's Association , 100 W. Harrison St., N. Tower, Suite N200, Seattle, WA 98119-4116. Please sign Ed's Guest Book at www.columbian.com/obits.

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