



Gerald Sherman Heffel

November 5, 1938 - December 2, 2009

Gerald S. Heffel passed away at his home in Vancouver on 12/2/09 after losing his battle with lung cancer. Gerald was born 11/5/38 to Gertrude and Jesse Heffel in Lewiston, ID. He is survived by his loving wife Shirley Ann Heffel, his son Lonny Heffel and his wife Irina of Vancouver, WA, daughters Yvonne Boyd and husband Richard of Meridian, ID, and Anita Wilson and husband Richard of Anchorage, AK, brother Kenneth Heffel and wife Sue of Nehalem, OR and sister Elaine Galloway and husband Eddie of Kendrick, ID. He is also survived by 7 grandchildren and 5 great grandchildren. Gerald served in the United States Navy from 1958 to 1981, as an Aerographer's Mate (Meteorologist) achieving the rank of Senior Chief. During his distinguished career he was stationed at a number of duty stations, ashore, overseas and aboard ship. He and his family spent time on Midway Island, Guam, Hawaii, as well as Monterey, CA and a number of other locations. Following his Naval career Gerald worked for National Weather Service in Alaska and then Portland, OR where he retired in 2004. Upon retirement, Gerald spent endless hours volunteering in the community for the American Red Cross, Share House, FISH, DOT Adopt a Highway Program and for St. John's Lutheran Church where he was an active member. Services will be held at St. John's Lutheran Church, 11005 Hwy 99, Vancouver, at 2PM on Saturday 12/12/09. Internment will be at the St. Johns Cemetery at a private ceremony. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made in Gerald's name to the St. John's Lutheran Church.

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