



Gerald Andrew Minsker

May 4, 1929 - June 7, 2010

Captain Gerald "Gerry" Andrew Minsker, 81, passed away peacefully at home on Monday, June 7, 2010 with his wife and children by his side. Gerry was born May 4, 1929 in Cloverdale, Oregon to Godfrey Claude and Ruth Owen Minsker. He worked summers on the horse seining grounds on the Columbia River for Roscoe Miles, where he met his future wife Maureen Miles when he was 14. The family later moved to Portland, where Gerry graduated from Franklin High School. In 1946, he enlisted in the Army, where he served in the Korean War as Sergeant First Class for the Korean Military Advisory Group. At the end of the war, Gerry was stationed at Fort Jackson in Columbia, South Carolina, where he married Maureen on March 22, 1952. In 1953, they welcomed their first daughter, Romaine, into the family. In 1954, the couple and their daughter moved to Astoria, Oregon, where Gerry worked as Captain of the Arrow No. 1 for Knappton Towboat company. Their son Miles was born in 1955, a daughter Romelle came along in 1956, and their daughter Ramone was born in 1960. In 1969, the family moved to Portland, Oregon, where Gerry worked as Captain of the tugboat "Rossisle" for Ross Island Sand and Gravel until his retirement in 1995. Gerry enjoyed boating, swimming, RVing, traveling to Alaska, Hawaii and Mexico, riding motorcycles, boxing, and watching sporting events with his son Miles. "Daddy" will forever be remembered as a kind hearted, fun loving man, wearing his Hawaiian shirts and Bermuda shorts, baseball cap and sandals. Gerry is survived by his wife of 58 years, Maureen Minsker; and his four children, Romaine Walters,

Miles Minsker, Romelle Wampler and Ramone Perkins; his brother, Hugh Minsker; nine grandchildren and five great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents; brothers, Eugene, Manley, and Sam; his sister, Ava; and his grandson, Jesse Perkins.

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