



Grover John Altig, Jr.

December 5, 1930 - December 8, 2020

Grover John Altig, Jr. was born in Ogallala, NE, Dec. 5, 1930. He was the eighth child of Grover Sr. and Ida. He had eight brothers and one sister.

JR graduated from Ogallala High School in 1949. He received a basketball scholarship but opted instead to join the Navy where he served on the USS Hooper Island ARG-17. JR was proud of his service and continued to support veterans groups throughout his life. A carpenter by trade, he later worked in sales for P. Lorillard Co. and General Cigar.

After the Navy, JR moved to Portland, OR, to be near his parents. There he met Barbara Ann Tabor; where they married Nov. 18, 1955, on a stormy night, JR dropping his bride in the snow as he tried to carry her to the Justice of the Peace.

JR and Barbara had three children, Kim, Pam and Susan. The family settled in Ridgefield, WA, in 1968 where he spent the next 52 years building furniture and riding his small tractor around the three acres "taking care of the place." They maintained beautiful flower gardens and had a bountiful garden every year. JR enjoyed watching movies, especially westerns and war pictures.

He took great delight in his three grandchildren, Laura, Matthew and Emilie; spending time with Laura reading, working outdoors with Matt and taking on

the daycare duties of baby Emilie. Papa was proud of all three of them.

JR wanted to reach the age of 90 and he was in great spirits when he did so this month. He passed away three days later on Dec. 8, 2020. One of the last things he did was secretly plant bulbs for Barbara so she would have flowers in the spring.

JR is survived by his beloved wife, Barbara; daughters, Kim Altig, Pamela Borgman (Martin) and Susan Ouffoue (Franck).

A service will be held at Evergreen Memorial Gardens in Vancouver, WA, at 1 p.m. Dec. 21. Due to COVID-19 restrictions, please contact the family if you wish to attend.

Tribute Wall



“ *Our thoughts and prayers are with you.*”



Loyd Pierce and family - December 16, 2020 at 12:00 AM