



Harold Eugene Parvi

August 22, 1923 - January 15, 2010

Gene Parvi Gene Parvi, 86, died Jan 15, 2010 after a long battle with Parkinson's disease. He was born August 22, 1923 in Brush Prairie. Gene was drafted into the Air Force and trained all over the U.S. and ended up in the 492nd Bomb Group at N. Pickingham, England. He flew 8 bombing missions in Germany and France, then flew 22 missions as a Carpet Bagger; part of the OSS (pre CIA) in black planes which flew low at night and dropped spies. He was a flight engineer and was discharged in 1945. He married Mabel Jonas in 1946 and studied mechanics at Clark College. In 1952 he went to work for United Airlines. He was transferred to California to work at the San Francisco airport and in 1953 they welcomed their only child, Lori. They didn't like California and were able to move to Seattle after a year, and finally several years later an opening at the Portland airport allowed them to return home to Vancouver. Gene retired early to pursue his biggest joys, fishing and hunting. He said he didn't want to live if he couldn't fish. He is preceded in death by his daughter, Lori; and survived by his wife, Mabel; and their 3 granddaughters; and 4 great-granddaughters. In lieu of flowers, his family asks that donations be made in his name to Hospice of SW WA or Parkinson's Resources of Oregon. Services at Evergreen Memorial Gardens will be: viewing Wed. from 10a.m. to 9p.m. and the funeral Thursday, January 21 at 12:30 p.m.

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