



Harry L. Generaux

August 6, 1923 - September 16, 2024

Harry Lloyd Generaux passed away peacefully on September 16th, 2024. He was born to Lloyd and Alice Generaux in Portland Oregon. Harry lived in the Ridgefield area during his younger years and graduated from Ridgefield Highschool in 1941. He attended OSU for a very short time period before enlisting in the military and joining the Army Air Corp in 1942. He became a B-17 bomber pilot with the 8th Air Force out of England, 398th Bomber group. He flew 35 missions, received 6 air medals, 2 unit citations, 3 bronze stars and misc. other acknowledgements and medals. During his time as a pilot he was missing in action 1 time due to running out of fuel and landing at an airstrip in Bordeaux, France. He was there for 2 weeks while the locals secured gas for the plane. This was what we referred to as Harry's Mission 19 and has been written about many times. He was fortunate to have only lost one crew member during those missions and it was due to lack of oxygen. When he came home he married his high school sweetheart, Margaret Bearss, in 1946. He was called back up during the Korean war but stayed stateside as a para troop carrier pilot. The family moved to Tennessee during that time then moved back and settled in Vancouver. During his life he worked as a machinist, millwright and home builder. Harry was preceded in death by Margaret on January 19th, 2020. He has one son, David Generaux (Laura) 2 granddaughters, Kristin Cano, Megan Conahan and 3 great grandchildren. A step granddaughter Amy Cressy (Jamie) and 4 step great grandchildren and 2 step great great grandchildren. A memorial service will be held on September

28th at 2pm at VanMall Retirement Facility. A graveside service will be held on October 1st at 2pm at Evergreen Memorial Gardens. All are welcome to both services. He will be buried with military honors. He was loved by many and will be missed by many.

Tribute Wall



“ We are deeply sorry for your loss ~ Evergreen Memorial Gardens Cemetery, Funeral Chapel and Crematory

A Memorial Tree was planted for **Harry L. Generaux** - September 18, 2024 at 12:00 AM