



Ira R. Kite

July 30, 1916 - April 19, 2018

IRA KITE 1916 ~ 2018 Ira Kite, born in July 1916, in Chicago, IL and passed away in his sleep on April 19, 2018 at age 101 in Vancouver, WA. Ira is survived by his sons, Charles and Richard; his daughter, Louise; 3 grandchildren and 1 great-grandson. Ira was a professional photographer whose career was interrupted by the Great Depression. Instead, he worked for the Santa Fe Railroad's publicity department in Chicago. As World War II approached, he moved to switchman's work in the railroad's marshaling yards in Chicago, and then in Los Angeles. After the end of the war when new housing was becoming available, he and his wife Alice moved to a new suburb in Pomona, CA. They lived there until he retired in 1974, when Ira and Alice moved to the Columbia River Gorge near Stevenson, WA and built their retirement home. Alice passed in 1984 and Ira remarried. He and his second wife Rhoda continued to live in the Columbia Gorge until 2013, then moved to a Vancouver retirement community. Ira had an active retirement that was as long as his working career. He enjoyed classical music, traveling, making pottery, was proud of his roses, rhododendrons, azaleas, and fruit trees, and was active in his community's home owners association. He and Rhoda, who predeceased him, loved to read to the Skamania Elementary School children. Ira will be remembered for his sense of humor, stories of growing up in 1920's Chicago and his thoughtfulness. He will be greatly missed.