



## James Barry Watkinson

November 7, 1923 - April 1, 2010

James Barry Watkinson of Vancouver, WA, died April 1, 2010. He was born in Brownsville, OR on November 7, 1923 to James Neville Watkinson and Julia Barry Watkinson. He was their only child, although he had two half-brothers, William and Robert Richardson, by his mother. His schooling was in Seattle, WA where he attended Lafayette Grade School, James Madison Junior High School, West Seattle High School, and the University of Washington. James was married on June 5, 1943 to Beatrice Fay Pettengill, known as Fay, at her home in Bremerton, WA. She pre-deceased him on Sept. 20, 1997. They had celebrated their fifty-fourth wedding anniversary. They had three sons, James Barry Watkinson, Jr. of Hailey, ID, survives him. Richard Neville Watkinson and his wife were killed in an auto accident in 1975. Robert George Watkinson and his wife were murdered in 1995. Barry, as he was called, served in the Marine Corps during World War II, and in the Navy during the Korean Police Action. He worked in radio broadcasting and was a pioneer in television, supervising the building of the first TV stations in Yakima, Ephrata and the Tri-Cities in Washington and Lewiston, ID. Later he moved to the Bay area of California where he worked as a maintenance technician at KRON-TV. Barry is survived by two grandchildren, Richard Roy Watkinson of Seward, AK and James Robert Watkinson of Portland, OR; and his best friend and companion the past 12 years, LaMora Sullivan. Barry generously donated his body to OSHU and his friends and family held a private celebration for him.