



James Rudolph Westphal

August 9, 1925 - October 15, 2015

JAMES RUDOLPH WESTPHAL "PopPop" August 9, 1925 ~ October 15, 2015 Jim Westphal of Vancouver, Washington passed away on October 15, 2015. He was born in Minot, ND to Rudolph and Bertha Westphal in 1925. Jim was raised on a farm with several brothers and sisters. Working hard with his father on the ND farm, Jim developed a passionate sense of family and strong work ethics. Jim married Del in the summer of 1947 and moved to Vancouver in the fall of the same year; seeking a good place and secure job to start their own family. Jim's deep love of America and profound love for his family filled his life with joy. Jim began working at Alcoa Vancouver Operations one week after moving to Vancouver. Grateful for the job he worked hard and became a respected, valued foreman. In 1983, 35 years later, he retired. He was a member of the Elks Lodge #283. Jim enjoyed life. He often spent time at his river property, river rafting and camping. He enjoyed tole painting, square dancing, RV club (His handle - 'The Eagle'), a little gambling (he liked to play the slot machines) and traveling. He did many of these things with his wonderful wife of 65 years, Del. Jim was not know to sit around and do nothing. He volunteered, along with his best friend Clarence, to deliver milk to the needy every month. He also volunteered to work with preschoolers at Children's World of Music for three years. Although Jim's life has been filled with many adventures, the most important thing in our "PopPop's" life was spending time with his family. Jim is survived by daughter, Cindy Nortz; son, Lon Westphal; grandchildren Jay Westphal, Angie Wilson, Cory Westphal and

Timothy Westphal; eight great-grandchildren, Molly, Sidney, Nicholas, Garrett, Ethan, Ireland, Kayleigh and Skylar. Services will be held at Evergreen Memorial Gardens in Vancouver on Sunday, October 25, 2015, at 3:00 p.m. Please sign his guestbook at www.columbian.com/obits

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