



## John Lewis Palmer, Jr.

December 14, 1918 - December 20, 2016

JOHN L. PALMER, JR December 14, 1918 ~ December 20, 2016 John will be greatly missed by all who knew him. ~ John L. Palmer, Jr. was born in Oregon City, OR to John L. Palmer and Cora Adele (Craig) Palmer, Dec. 14 1918, the 5th of 15 children. He was preceded in death by eight siblings and one stepdaughter. John, 98 years old, passed away peacefully Tues., Dec. 20, 2016, at Still Waters Adult Family Home in Vancouver, WA. He is survived by his loving wife of 47 years, Ruth H. Palmer; stepdaughter, Judy Smith (Dennis); 6 brothers and sisters; and numerous grandchildren, great-grandchildren, nieces and nephews. ~ John was loved by everyone he met. ~ He had a huge welcoming smile and loved to tell stories about his youth, growing up on a farm in Yachats, OR with 14 brothers and sisters, logging stories about his logging adventures from California to the Canadian border, and hunting and fishing stories that were hilarious. John had been told he was "the best darn Snowmobiler Trail Groomer" on Mt. St. Helens and Mt. Adams. He also worked and retired from the Chelatchie Prairie Paper Mill. John was a faithful member of the Orchards 7th Day Adventist Church, and loved handing out candy to the children as he greeted them and their parents at the door. Funeral services are at 12:30 p.m., Fri., Dec. 30th at Evergreen Memorial Gardens, followed by a light lunch (provided by Orchards 7th Day Adventist Church). Please sign his guest book at: [www.columbian.com/obits](http://www.columbian.com/obits).

# Tribute Wall



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**Evergreen Memorial Gardens** - July 03, 2025 at 07:46 PM

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“ *Uncle John's laugh was contagious. He had a willing laugh and a loving spirit. He just had his 98 birthday. We were all cheering for 100. I will be greatly miss him. I spent some time collecting pictures and posting them on facebook. I love the picture of him and my Dad, WD Poyner, smelt fishing in Yachats, Oregon. Rest in Peace.*

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**Rosemary Paresa** - December 27, 2016 at 12:00 AM

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“ *Uncle John was always so glad to see me, and so sincere about it every time I saw him. He is well loved and will be greatly missed!*

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**Karina Hegstad** - December 27, 2016 at 12:00 AM