



Leonard Harold Knopp

February 28, 1926 - December 24, 2024

Leonard H. Knopp, 98, passed away peacefully on December 24, 2024, in Vancouver, WA. Born on February 28, 1926, in New Leipzig, North Dakota, he was the son of Gotthilf and Matilda Knopp.

Leonard is survived by his beloved wife of seventy years, Loretta Knopp; his three daughters, Terri (Kenneth) Noble, Merilee (Ronald) McCartney, and Marjory (Calvin) Dowd; his sister, Inez Ruge; six grandchildren; eleven great-grandchildren; two great-great grandchildren and numerous nieces, nephews, and cousins.

Growing up in North Dakota during the Dust Bowl years, Leonard's family faced many challenges. In search of better opportunities, his father, mother and nine children moved to Montana, where they worked on a sugar beet farm before relocating to Vancouver. Leonard spent six years working at a dairy before embarking on a long and successful career in longshoring on the waterfront, starting in 1947 and eventually becoming a walking boss before retiring in 1987.

Leonard proudly served his country as a Corporal in the Korean War, serving in the 213th Field Artillery Battalion from September 1950 to May 1952. He even returned to Korea for the 50th anniversary of the war, a testament to his dedication and service.

Throughout his life, Leonard enjoyed traveling and took many memorable cruises to destinations such as China, Japan, England, Switzerland, Italy, Germany, and Hawaii. He had a passion for camping and trailering across the

United States, with Long Beach, Washington, being his favorite spot, where he later purchased a beach home. Leonard loved fishing, clamming, crabbing, and entertaining friends and family at the beach.

In addition to being a member of the Moose and Eagles, Leonard was a dedicated member of the Elks, proudly serving at the Vancouver Elks #823 for over 60 years.

Leonard's warmth, kindness, generosity, and adventurous spirit will be deeply missed by all who knew him. His legacy of love and family will continue to inspire those he leaves behind.

Tribute Wall

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“ *My uncle Leonard was the best. I will truly miss you. I have alot of fun memories at your old house with the whole family. I will make sure Loretta is taken care of for you. Love you lots*

Michele Eiesland - January 09, 2025 at 12:00 AM

KJ

“ *Dear Merilee and family,*

Sending you condolences on the passing of your dear father. May you all find comfort in shared memories of wonderful times spent together.

Kelly Gehrmann Jennings

Kelly Gehrmann Jennings - January 09, 2025 at 12:00 AM

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

A Memorial Tree was planted for Leonard H Knopp - January 02, 2025 at 12:00 AM