



Leonard Elmore Thompson

July 28, 1927 - April 2, 2010

Leonard Thompson of Vancouver, WA, passed away on April 2, 2010. He was born in Oakland, CA to Leonard and Minnie Thompson. A third generation Californian, he was raised in Plymouth, CA and went to school there and in Sutter Creek. Leonard returned to Oakland during WW II and joined the United States Merchant Marine. He served as an Oiler, Fireman, and Watertender aboard many Liberty and tanker ships until the end of the War. Prior to joining the Merchant Marine, while attending high school in Alameda, he met the love of his life, Maralyn Virginia Weatherton, and married her in February 1950. They made their home in San Lorenzo, and had two children, Marc and Lori. After leaving the Merchant Marine in 1952, Leonard worked with his father at F.M. Ball Cannery in Oakland. For a very short period of time, he worked in the marble business and then returned to the canneries as a Stationary Engineer for Dole and Del Monte Canners in the San Francisco Bay Area. He retired in 1990 from the Oakland Naval Supply Center where he was a refrigeration and steam plant operator. In 1994 Leonard and Maralyn moved to Fairway Village, Vancouver, WA where they both enjoyed many new friends and Leonard took up the sport of golf. Leonard loved to golf. He also enjoyed traveling the world with Maralyn. He loved hunting pheasants and hunting in general and traveled to many of the Western States and Canada to do so. Most of all, Leonard's greatest pleasure came from being with his family on holidays and Mother's Day. Leonard was a member of Island City Lodge No. 215 F.& A.M., in Alameda, CA, and the American Legion. Leonard

is survived by his wife, Maralyn; son, Marc and his wife, Jo Thompson of Roseburg, OR; daughter, Lori Gibson of Phoenix, AZ; grandchildren, Tavi and Melissa Jinairu of Canyon Country, CA, Maegan Thompson of Hayward, CA and Emily Gibson of Philadelphia, PA; and many brothers-in-law, sisters-in-law, nephews, and nieces. He was preceded in death by his brother, Vernon Taylor; sister, Anna Grace Drumolt; and son-in-law, Michael Gibson.

Tribute Wall



“ Hello, my name is Gary Genest . My great-grand mother was Effie Thompson. Her daugher Beulah was my grandmother. Effie was Leonard's father's sister. If you are interested in communicating, please reply to this email. I'd like to learn more about the Thompson family history. My condolences regarding Leonard. Thanks, Gary Genest

Gary Genest - August 07, 2010 at 12:00 AM