



Milton Lincoln Ritchie

October 20, 1927 - March 23, 2011

MILTON "MEL" LINCOLN RITCHIE October 20, 1927 ~ March 23, 2011 "He will always be remembered as a beloved husband, caring father and jovial grandfather who loved to tell tall tales." Milton "Mel" Lincoln Ritchie, 83, of Vancouver, WA, died Wed., March 23, 2011. He was born to James and Belva Ritchie on Oct. 20, 1927 in California but moved to Washington state when he was an infant. He lived in West Seattle, WA and enjoyed participating in the Seattle Seafair Hydroplane Races as a tender boat driver. Mel was a crab fisherman in Alaska and also did cabinetry and remodeling projects. He worked for Container Corporation of America from 1945 until 1987 when he retired from his position as supervisor at the Portland, OR facility. Mel married Mary Ritchie in Seattle on Sept. 2, 1949 and moved to Vancouver, WA in 1979. After Mary's death, he married Janet "Jan" Ritchie on May 20, 1989 and they lived together at Glennwood Place in Vancouver, WA. Mel loved to travel and took numerous cruises with Jan and his daughters. Additionally, he was a long-time member of the Cascade Good Sam Club. Mel is survived by two children: Patricia L. Mossberger of Union, WA and Teresa M. Shinnors of Vancouver, WA; 10 grandchildren; and 11 great-grandchildren. A memorial service will be held at Glennwood Place in Vancouver, WA on Sat., March 26th at 10:00 a.m. Please sign Milton's guest book at: www.columbian.com/obits.

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