



Olen Ray Palmer

July 6, 1927 - October 31, 2017

Olen Ray Palmer July 6, 1927-October 31, 2017. Born in Broken Bow, Oklahoma, to John William Palmer and Mazilla Emily Bean Palmer, Ray was the youngest of seven children. He came to Vancouver at the young age of 16 with his mother and 3 older brothers to see what the Pacific Northwest had to offer. He wanted to go to work at the shipyards in Vancouver, but had to get his moms permission to do so, since he was under age. This began his life in the work force. In 1945, he enlisted in the U.S. Army and found himself serving his time in Korea. Following his discharge, Ray went to work for Crown Zellerbach in Camas, as a machinist in the Bag Factory, until it closed down in 1980. He moved across the river to work for Port Townsend Paper in NW Portland for another 11 years, before finally retiring in 1991. Ray was a HUGE Portland Trailblazer fan, having been a season ticket holder for 15 years. He was thrilled to have been in attendance when Portland won the Championship in 1977 and has quite a collection of Blazer Memorabilia that he was very proud of. After retiring, Ray spent time with his family and friends, enjoying his Friday mornings at 55 at Day Spring Church in fellowship, food and fun, as well as spending Sunday mornings in worship with his cronies at the Living Word Fellowship. Ray was preceded in death by his wife, Elizabeth in 1997. His two children are nearby, Don Palmer (wife, Gail) in Scio, OR, and Debbi Kor in Vancouver. He has 4 grandsons: David Bryson, Cody and Justin Palmer, and Brian Kor, along with 3 great-grandsons: Kade and Reece Palmer, and Elijah Kor. Private interment for the family will be held

on Wednesday, November 8th, at Willamette National Cemetery. A Celebration of Life will be held on Friday, November 10th at the Living Word Fellowship, 5621 NE 78th Street, in Vancouver, at 1:00 p.m. Please join us to celebrate the life of our father, grandfather, great-grandfather, and wonderful friend. Remembrances to the Ray Hickey House in Vancouver may be made in his name.

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