



Raymond Eugene Alexander

February 10, 1912 - January 12, 2010

Raymond E. Alexander, 97, a longtime resident of Portland and Vancouver, died Tuesday. His spirit never quit, but his body gave out on the home stretch toward his century mark. Ray was a talented salesman, intimate with back roads across the West. But his heart was at home, and through retirement, he was rarely more than shouting distance from wife Arlene. Born into a pioneering Missouri family to Berchie Clyde and Stella Edith (McKinzie), Ray then grew up in Denver before meeting the call of duty in WWII, landing at Normandy. As his 607th Tank Destroyer Btl. swept through Europe, he was wounded, earning the Purple Heart. During his sales career, he raised a family in Portland before heading down to Vegas for a long retirement. In his final years, he lived in Vancouver and died at home, with family members beside him. He's survived by wife, Arlene; daughter, Barbara Hamilton of Vancouver; sons Ronald of Portland and Bruce of Bend; three grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

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