



Samuel Lewis Peterson

August 7, 1923 - March 27, 2013

SAMUEL L. PETERSON August 7, 1923 ~ March 27, 2013 Sam Peterson passed away peacefully in his Vancouver, WA home on March 27th, 2013 at age 89 after a three year struggle with multiple myeloma bone cancer. Sam was born August 7, 1923 to Charles and Amelia Peterson in Red Oak, IA. He was the middle child of five (Verona, Pauline, Sam, Wes and Eleanor.) He met the love of his life, Evelyn (Sparr), and they married Jan. 18, 1945. They had one child, Julie; two grandchildren, Andrea and Philip; and two great-grandchildren, Christian and Nora. Sam was a WWII veteran, serving honorably with the Merchant Marines, traveling the entire globe 6 times (150,000 miles) during the war, frequenting the Middle East and the Philippines. He was proud of his service, and was truly patriotic. Sam held several jobs, including owning a filling station and managing a factory for Eveready before he found his true calling in the promotional products industry. After moving to the state of Washington, Sam started selling calendars, pens and other promotional products for the Thos. D. Murphy Co. in 1953. Sam the Sample Man was well known and has had long standing ties to the Vancouver community through his business contacts and friends. He had a deep and abiding faith, and cherished his church and friends at Cascades Presbyterian Church. Sam loved to laugh, tease, and dance. He supported his local Washington sports teams, but always had a spot in his heart for Nebraska (Go Big Red!) He was the last of his immediate family, and is survived by his wife, Evelyn; his daughter; grandchildren; and great-grandchildren; as well as a

larger extended family. A celebration of his life will be held on April 20th, 2:00 p.m. at Cascades Presbyterian Church, 9503 NE 86th Street, Vancouver, WA 98682. Memorials can be sent in his name to Cascades Presbyterian Church Building Fund. Sam was a gentleman, but more than that, he was a gentle man.

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“ Evelyn and family - My thoughts are with you and your family during this time. Cherish the memories. I have great memories of Sam when I was a child. The Sparr Picnics where he would bring his samples to share with the kids. Love to you all

Kathy Sparr Collins - March 30, 2013 at 12:00 AM