



Vernon Gene Martenson

September 24, 1926 - October 11, 2012

VERNON G. "PUNK" MARTENSON September 24, 1926 ~ October 11, 2012
Deeply devoted father, Vernon G. "Punk" Martenson, 86, of Vancouver, WA, passed away Oct. 11, 2012 under the care of his daughters, son-in-law and The Ray Hickey Hospice House. He last resided at Cascade Inn and was grateful for the love and friendships he endured. He was born to C.J. Ed and Marie Martenson in Portland, OR and grew up in Battle Ground, WA. Vern was a veteran of the U.S. Navy, and retired from Pacific Northwest Bell Telephone Company in July 1980. He was an avid fisherman, spending many days on the Lewis River, sharing his catch and homemade brew with family and friends. Vern's integrity, courage, loving heart, immense love for life, whistling tunes, and positive attitude, has been instilled in many and will be forever remembered. Vern is survived by his daughters, Debbie (Bob) Martenson of Woodland, WA and Lori (Doug) Ruge of Vancouver; sisters, Edna Risto and Eleanor Liefke of Vancouver; and several nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents; brother, Lester; and nieces, Cheryl Martenson and Nancy Liefke. We have placed a special thanks in our hearts for those taking care of our precious father at Peace Health Southwest Hospice, The Ray Hickey Hospice House, Brad Carlson and Cord Wilkey of Evergreen Memorial Gardens. During the times we could no longer cope, you all stepped in, took the reins and guided us through this devastating journey. We are forever grateful. An Honor Guard Burial service will be held Thurs., Oct. 18, 2012, 1:00 p.m., at Gravel Point Cemetery, 194th Ave. and

Risto Road in Battle Ground, WA. Contributions may be made to The Ray Hickey Hospice House.

Tribute Wall



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“ Many years have gone by since Vern and Bob Deseive worked together at the 'phone company'. The two also traded work at home: Vern helped Bob tar-paper our being-built-first home; Bob put formica on Verns cabinets. A fishing trip from Ilwaco, "crossing the bar" is first in Bob's memory: The crossed for bouy 10, realized it was too rough for Bob's boat; they turned around surfing the tops of waves back, got knocked to the deck of the boat: they got up ,...gathered themselves together, looked back and the water was smooth; they turned around and went back out and caught many fish. Our condolences to you Debbie ,Lori and family. We hope you have many good memories.

Bob & Wilma Deseive - October 16, 2012 at 12:00 AM