



## William Walter Backous

September 25, 1922 - September 2, 2014

William (Bill) W. Backous, 91, passed away on September 2, 2014 in Vancouver, WA. He was born September 25th, 1922 in Westport, SD. Bill Married Ruby (Olson) in 1944 in Aberdeen, SD. In 1949 Bill and Ruby moved to Walla Walla, for five years before moving to Vancouver in 1954. They became Charter members of the Messiah Lutheran Church in Vancouver, where they raised their six children Bill was employed by Safeway for 30 years and then retired in 1984. He enjoyed his family, fishing, gardening, and R.V. traveling, Blazers Basket Ball and bus trips to the Lucky Eagle. Bill was preceded in death by his wife, Ruby; daughter Nancy Long; sons Donald and Randy; granddaughter Sara (Backous) Mielke; and grand son, Christopher Backous; sister, Florence Kleinknecht; brothers, Emery, Russ and Gene. He is survived by his daughter, Cheryl Woodard (Sandy); son, Rick (Sheri)); Son Kevin (Patti); 17 grandchildren; 14 great grandchildren; sister, Sally Dickson. A graveside service, open to all, will be held Tuesday, September 9th, 2014, 11:00am @ Evergreen Memorial Gardens- Garden of Faith. A memorial service will be held Monday, September 29th, 2014at 11:00 am at the Messiah Lutheran Church followed by a light lunch and pie (Bills Favorite dessert). Memorial contributions may be made in Bills name to Messiah Lutheran Church, 905 NW 94th street, Vancouver Washington 98665 Bill continued to be quick witted, and independent, right up to his peaceful departure to be with the Lord, Family, and friends. He will be greatly missed and his memories will always warm our hearts.



# Tribute Wall

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“ *He will be greatly missed by so many. He was my last surviving sibling. He is up in Heaven with many loved ones that have gone on before him.*

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**Sally and Tom Dickson** - September 05, 2014 at 12:00 AM

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“ *William will be greatly missed*

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**charlotteBackousKiefer** - September 04, 2014 at 12:00 AM