



## William Dayton Nelson

September 23, 1926 - June 15, 2011

WILLIAM DAYTON NELSON September 23, 1926 ~ June 15, 2011 William Dayton Nelson of Vancouver, WA, passed away on June 15, 2011. He was born in St. Helen's, OR to Orvis and Pearl Nelson. Bill served on the USS Redfish in World War II. He later graduated from Pacific University. Bill continued taking courses at several colleges to keep up with studies for teaching, including the University of Colorado, Oregon State, the Institute of Nuclear Science and Portland State. He taught Chemistry, Algebra and Physics at Clark College. He loved to travel, especially on fishing trips with a guide. He enjoyed fly fishing and golfing with family and friends. Bill is survived by his daughter, Nanette Wake; sons, Eliot and David Nelson; grandchildren, Andrea Chaplin, Mathew Sears, Bethany Nelson, Ann-Marie Nelson, Ashlee, Marisa and Jarred Nelson; and great-grandchildren, Hailey Chaplin and Hosaya Nelson. He was preceded in death by his wife of 50 years, Marilyn, who passed away in 2008. A Celebration of Life will be held on Sat., June 25, 2011 at 2:00 p.m. at Ken and Nanette Wake's home. Evergreen Memorial Gardens are in charge of arrangements.

# Tribute Wall



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