

Gene L. Foster

Gene passed away peacefully surrounded by his children on Oct. 15, 2013.

Gene was born October 1, 1926, in Fairfax, WA, to Albert and Helen Foster, and at the age of eleven, moved to Forks, WA, traveling the entire trip in the rumble seat of an old car. After graduating from Forks High School in 1944, where he was "Yell King" and very active in many activities, he joined the Navy and was a sonarman on the USS Meredith serving in the South Pacific and Atlantic.

After the Navy, he returned to Forks, and later married Elaine. They had five children. In 1971, he moved to Battle Ground and owned and operated an electrical contracting company. When he retired, he and Elaine traveled around the United States in their motor home, and they traveled many times to Maui, a favorite place of theirs.

Gene was an active member of Bethel Lutheran Church and co-founder of RockSolid Teen Center. He spent his days volunteering there and teaching the kids how to play pool. His good friend Thomas Kukkola was always there to joke with Gene and keep him in line.

He was a resident of Mallard Landing where he was known to feed the birds every day, and was always helping residents with whatever they needed.

Gene was preceded in death by wife Elaine M. Foster, and grandson Wesley S. Foster. He is survived by sons Steve (LaDonna) Foster and Kevin Foster, and daughters Randi Conerly of Vancouver, Wendy Humphreys of Vancouver and Susanne (Steve) Thomas of Battle Ground.

Gene will be greatly missed by many.

Laynes Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements. There will be services for Gene at Bethel Lutheran Church, Sunday, October 27, 2013 at 3 p.m., 12919 NE 159th St., Brush Prairie, WA 98606.

In lieu of flowers, please make donations to RockSolid Teen Center.

