



ROBERT (BOB) EARL PYE

December 29, 1923 - December 5, 2018

.....

Robert (Bob) Earl Pye passed peacefully from this life to his next on Wednesday, December 5, 2018, surrounded by those he loved. He was soon to turn 95 and his goal was to become a centenarian, but the Lord had other plans for him.

Bob is survived by his wife Cheryl of 35 years and two daughters, Barbara Mills and Sharon Jernagan. His three sons Ronnie, Pat and Mike Pye preceded his passing. Bob has 12 grandchildren, 21 great grandchildren and 2 great-great granddaughters. He also had extended family with the Ledgerwoods.

In 1939, Bob and his mother, a farm girl at heart, drove north from Southern California looking for a place to settle in the Northwest so his mom could get back to her roots. She was no city girl. His dad, Arthur, and mom, Frances, settled in La Center, WA, in 1939 on 40 acres.

Right after graduating La Center High School in 1942, Bob joined the Navy to battle for freedom during World War II and not long after the Korean War in 1950. Bob spent 20 years in the Navy, retiring in 1962 as a Chief Petty Officer. Bob spent many years of his naval career overseas and stationed on shore duty in San Diego. Not too long after retiring from the Navy, Bob came back to La Center in 1969.

Bob and his cousins, Eddie and Flora Siebler, purchased Trailer Hitch Specialties, across from the Clark County Fair Grounds, and successfully operated the business for several years. After selling Trailer Hitch Bob entered a new phase of life...retirement! His retirement years were so busy he wondered how he had time to fit it all in.

Bob met Cheryl in 1981 and they married in 1983. They spent the last 32 years together in La Center. They shared many hobbies including shooting pool and love of the outdoors. He loved taking road trips on his Harley. He was also an avid pool player and was the oldest man in any pool league around. He enjoyed several long trips to Alaska and liked fishing and camping. He was always doing something in the yard and garden, aka Water Man. He was an active man and always on the go.

A Celebration of Life for Bob will be held on Saturday, December 29th (his birthday) at the Moose Lodge, 133 Davidson Avenue, Woodland, WA, from 12pm to 5pm. Please bring your favorite potluck dish and your stories.