

In Loving Memory



William O Peterson, born Nov 20, 1921, Pendleton OR, died December 4, 2010 Central Washington Hospital, Wenatchee WA.

Raised on a farm near the Umatilla River in Pendleton OR. Graduated from Adams High School and attended four years at Eastern Oregon College, LaGrande.

He married Joyce E. Livermore in January 3, 1945.

Bill was in the U.S. Army Air Corp from 1942 to 1945.

During World War II with the 8th Air Force in England he flew 30 missions over Germany as a B-24 pilot. He earned the Distinguished Flying Cross and Air Medals. He retired from the Air Force reserves as a Lieutenant Colonel.

After the war he returned to Pendleton and became the service manager for Pendleton Grain Growers, supervising mechanics and other service personnel for the company. He retired after 30 years with PGG.

He was an avid hunter and fisherman and spent many great times with his son and daughter and many friends in the Blue Mountains. He especially enjoyed his time at deer camp with his great friends.

He moved from Pendleton to Wenatchee, WA in November 2007 to a retirement apartment at Colonial Vista. In April 2010 he moved to assisted living due to dementia and physical limitations.

He was preceded in death by his beloved wife Joyce Peterson, Mother and Father Charles & Mary Peterson, sister Reba Jambura, sister Delpha Rosenberg.

He is survived by his sister, Norma Simpson, and his children, Gary Peterson (& Gaby) Anchorage Alaska and Julie Peterson-Bayless Brunner (& Steve) Wenatchee WA. Grandsons Gary Peterson Jr (Thomas); Andrew Peterson, Charlotte, NC; James Brunner, Seattle WA, Spencer Allen, Anchorage; Kevin Allen, Anchorage; Granddaughters: Robin Floyd, Kirkland WA; Amy Newton, Greenville, NC; Kimberly Scully, Palmer, AK; Tristan Johnson, Anchorage, AK; and (14) great grandchildren. Sister-in-Law & special friend: Denise Johnston, Hermiston OR

Services will be held December 11, 2010 11:00 a.m. at Pendleton Pioneer Funeral Chapel, Folsom-Bishop in Pendleton. Reception & Celebration of Life to follow at the Oxford Suites in Pendleton. All friends and family are welcome.

Contributions may be made in Bill's honor to the Pendleton Elks Foundation or Pendleton High School Athletics.