



## Glen Coordes Rinker

May 21, 1916 - March 5, 2011

Glen Coordes Rinker passed on to Heaven, March 5, 2011 at the age of 94. Glen went peacefully, in his sleep at Harbor Care, an "Advanced assisted Living Home", in Oak Harbor, Washington, attended to his last by his oldest Son Richard & His Wife, Sheryl. Glen was born in 'Wheat Country', in His families Homestead Ranch House, in Douglas, Washington, on May 21, 1916, to Oliver (O.C.) and Amy Rinker; The Oldest born of seven Children. In his elementary school years he attended a one room school house in Douglas, graduating, in 1935, from Waterville High School (4 miles from Douglas). In 1940 Glen married a Wenatchee girl, Desire Phillippi and they began their life together by making their home in Seattle, Washington, which was during the War years. Both of their biological children, Richard Leon and Trudy Fay were born in Seattle; however upon the World War's completion, in 1945, they moved back to Waterville to raise their children. In 1950 they added Richard Laphorn to their family. After the children's raising, in 1961 they moved back to Seattle, where Glen spent the next 20 years working, as a mechanic in the heavy equipment industry, specializing in Caterpillar & John Deere. When Glen retired in 1981 he had risen to the position of Shop foreman, with 15 mechanic's under his charge. Glen & Desire then, at retirement, moved back to "Douglas County", & purchased their final home in East Wenatchee. Together they enjoyed their home until, after 67 years of marriage, Desire passed away in the summer of 2007. Glen then spent the remainder of his time here on the earth, enjoying "Assisted Living" homes, in

the Communities of Moses Lake & Oak Harbor, Washington. He spent, by his choice, his last two years, at Regency on Whidbey / Harbor Care, Oak Harbor, Washington, near his Oldest Son Richard. Glen's Legacy - He loved his family and friends,(many of them, life long), His roots in Douglas County & Bowling which he enjoyed for 56 years. A Special Tribute - Glen's life time of sacrificial, unconditional Loving of his family will forever be cherished & remembered, by all of us, that have had the pleasure of knowing him.....He "was" and "still is", truly, One - of - a - kind..... Glen was preceded in death by his parents, five Brothers and Sisters - Ethel, Elizabeth, Johnny, Douglas and Juanita; an infant baby girl; and several cherished in-laws. He is survived by his children, remaining youngest brother - Arvene and His Wife Gwen & other remaining cherished in-laws. A Memorial / Graveside Service honoring Glen, is planned, to be held, at the Waterville Cemetery, Saturday, May 21, 2011., at 1PM, followed by fellowship & refreshments at the United Lutheran Church, Waterville. Arrangements are in care of Heritage Memorial Chapel of East Wenatchee.

# Tribute Wall

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“ *Uncle Glen was a wonderful, kind man. He always had a twinkle in his eye and a welcome smile. We spent many hours together at family gatherings for the holidays. I will miss his gentle soul. He is with his family again, I can only imagine the happiness they are sharing at being reunited, including my mother who passed away three weeks before Uncle Glen.*

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