



James Reynolds

November 11, 1918 - April 14, 2011

James Reynolds was born in Sandstone, Minnesota, November 11, 1918. In 1940, he enlisted in the United States Navy and was stationed in Pearl Harbor on December 7, 1941, on board the U.S.S. California, when she succumbed to enemy fire. Reynolds married May Elizabeth Francis in 1942 while serving at Whidbey Island. He rejoined the war effort, this time as a Coxswain on the U.S.S. Astoria en route to the battle in the Pacific. There, James found himself on watch the night the Astoria was sunk; he treaded water until he was picked up many hours later. Reynolds received an honorable discharge from the Navy in 1946, joining the United States Forest Service that same year. He and May lived in Index and Skykomish, then Vancouver, WA. Retiring from Bonneville Power in 1974, James brought May to Ocean Park, where James worked at the Port of Willapa Bay. His beloved May died in 2001. James died in Wenatchee on April 14, 2011.