



LeRoy Walter Craig

November 3, 1921 - September 27, 2013

LeRoy Walter Craig was born on November 3, 1921 in Holcombe, WI to Arthur & Mary "Mamie" (Faust) Craig. After his father left the family, LeRoy was put on a poor farm. Hating every minute of it, LeRoy ran away at the age of 14 and caught a boxcar heading to Chelan, WA where his sister Millie lived. He enlisted in the US Army in February 1940. He served on the front lines in WWII in Algeria-French Morocco, Tunisia Africa, Sicily & Naples-Foggia Italy. He was one of the first to ever shoot a bazooka. In 1945 he was honorably discharged having earned a Bronze Star and numerous others. He returned to Chelan.

In 1948 he met and married Rita Winn. She brought two sons to the marriage, Frank & David. Together they added six children, Dennis, Larry, Gene, Mary, George and Julie.

He owned and operated a franchise of the Kirby (vacuum) Company in the Wenatchee Valley for many years, then moved their family to Spokane where he had the Filter Queen Company. When they moved back to Wenatchee he retired.

LeRoy was an avid fisherman and hunter. He enjoyed going on many extensive hunting trips but his favorites were the steelhead fishing adventures. Maintaining his garden and growing very beautiful flowers was something he loved to do.

LeRoy's last days were at home with his daughter Julie taking care of him until he needed additional care and he was moved to RiverWest Assisted Living.

He passed away on September 27, 2013 at the age of 91.

He is preceded in death by his parents, and siblings, Everett, Marvin, Mable, Myrtle, Mildred and Jeanabel Craig.

He is survived by sons, Frank (Connie) Fabian of Wenatchee, David (Joanne) Fabian of Wenatchee, Dennis Craig of East Wenatchee, Larry Craig of Spokane, Gene Craig of Vancouver WA, and George (Emma) Craig of East Wenatchee; daughters, Mary (Scott) Burgess of Henderson, NV and Julie Craig of Wenatchee; 16 grand children, 27 great grand children and recently two twin great-great grand daughters.

A graveside service with Military Honors will be held on Tuesday, October 1, 2013 2:00 pm at the Wenatchee Cemetery. Arrangements are in the care of Heritage Memorial Chapel, East Wenatchee.