



Richard Leo Sinclair

March 11, 1926 - May 31, 2014

Richard L. "Rick" Sinclair, 88, beloved husband, father, grandfather and uncle to many, completed his journey the evening of May 31st. The following day marked their 67th wedding anniversary. His devoted wife Jeanette was at his side, along with their 3 children, Judi, Dick & Ken; their spouses, Roger, Sue & Lindy respectively. Also present were granddaughters, Janelle Austin and Ashley Reeves and grandniece, Susie Hendrickson. Other grandchildren include Jerrol Austin of Seattle, Beth Smith and Anna Sinclair of Portland, OR., John and Joe Bonniwell of East Wenatchee, Jacob and Cassandra Wilkinson of Wenatchee, Nikki Gilbert of Bellingham, WA and Grant Gilbert of East Wenatchee.

Born in Sanford, Maine, the youngest of 8 children to Fred & Anna Sinclair, his family made the trip out west to Wenatchee when he was 4 years old. He resided locally until the time of his passing. He joined the Navy at 17 and served in the South Pacific during W.W.II. Upon his return, Rick & Jeanette were introduced through a mutual friend, began dating and were married on June 1, 1947. As mom told us kids, "The rest is history, we were soul mates". He went to work at Keokuk Smelter in Rock Island in the early 50's, where he later became a foreman, retiring after 38 years. Many and diverse were the hobbies and interests he pursued during his lifetime; from building their first home together to the grandfather clock in their living room. His crowning achievement now stands outside their home overlooking the Columbia River, where he skillfully transformed undeveloped land into a beautiful expanse of

lawn, flower gardens and rockery that was featured in the local 'Tour of Gardens' years ago. Their favorite room supplied them with a beautiful view of that area. With the help of his family and CWH Hospice, he was able to spend his remaining days at home overlooking that area.

As a young boy he attended the original location of Grace Lutheran Church on Lewis & Methow Streets, where he & Jeanette were later married. When the congregation re-located to the current building on Washington St. they followed and attended for many years. Like many of us, dad drifted away from actual church attendance years ago but a few years back stated that during a difficult time in the hospital, he'd done a lot of soul searching and wanted to renew his faith in Christ. "I've known about these things since I was a little boy", he said. He enjoyed reading his bible and when he could no longer see well, listening to bible tapes.

The family would like to give special thanks and recognition to Dr. Murray and Dr. Roles of Confluence Health and Dr. Seawick of Spokane Providence Sacred Heart. They, along with the many nurses and specialists he met along the way and special help from Confluence T.C.U. extended his life for the past few years. In Lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the local Humane Society. A Celebration of Life gathering will be held at 19 Loon Lane, Rock Island, on Saturday, June 7, 2014 from 11:00-2:00pm with Memorial and Military Service at 12:00. You are invited to visit his tribute online and leave a condolence at www.HeritageMemorialChapel.com . Arrangements are in the care of Heritage Memorial Chapel, East Wenatchee.

Tribute Wall

EH

“ *My sincerest sympathy for your loss, Rick was a much loved man, and with all the great memories of him he will go on with all of us in our hearts. Love you all Eric and Jennifer*

Eric and Jennifer Hendrickson - June 04, 2014 at 08:20 PM

BH

“ *Please accept our sincerest sympathy for the loss of your father. Our hearts and prayers are with you.*

Bob & Linda Hodgen - June 04, 2014 at 01:03 AM

PW

“ *My prayers and love. Rick and Jeanette were my god parents, they have always been very special to me. We have lost a very special man and I am deeply saddened.*

Pat (Meyer)Wheeler

Pat wheeler - June 03, 2014 at 10:33 PM

CD

“ *With deepest sympathy to the entire family.*



Clare B. Delaney - June 03, 2014 at 03:46 PM

SH

“ Love and Peace to all of you....Thanks be to God for his life! Love you all, Susie

Susan Hendrickson - June 02, 2014 at 11:30 PM

SH

“ I love the story of Unce Rick chasing my mom his niece Marlene down the street when she little. He was babysitting her at the time....she must have been 4-5 if I remember the story correctly. By the time he caught up to her she had taken all of her clothes off!! They both loved to tell that storyshe must have been quite the imp!! I hope she has him chasing her again and having fun with all the family! Will miss you Uncle Rick...so blessed to be your grandniece and goddaughter. Susie

Susan Hendrickson - June 02, 2014 at 11:28 PM