



## William Johns

June 25, 1921 - May 2, 2013

William Earl Johns, 91, died May 2, 2013 at his home in Saratoga, CA. He was born in Kennewick, Washington the first son of William Elias (Bill) and Emma Linn Johns. He was known by his middle name, Earl. He married Grace Viola Jackson of Sunnyside, WA on February 18, 1945, to whom he was devoted for 68 years.

Earl is survived by Grace and their six sons: William Ellis (known as Bill), Rich (known as RJ), Steve (Jody), Dan (Stacey), Tom (Lori), and Ben (Veronica); sister Clara Simmons of Othello, WA; 10 grandchildren, 4 great-grandchildren, and numerous nieces and nephews. Earl was preceded in death by his brothers David and Ronald and sister Helen Clary.

Earl served in the Army Air Corps during WWII, flying 68 missions over occupied Europe, including two on D-Day. During a 30-year career in the Air Force, he earned the rank of Lt. Colonel, the Command Pilot Rating, and also served as reconnaissance pilot and operations officer for his RB-57 detachment in the Vietnam War.

Faith played the most significant role in Earl's life, guiding his decisions, giving him the great desire to love and to serve, and sustaining his courage. His mother led him to Christ as a child, and his adult life was filled with an ever-growing appreciation for the wonders of God's love and creation.

A memorial service will be held at Precht Rose Chapel, 332 E. Woodin Avenue, Chelan, WA, 98816, on May 14 at 10:00 a.m. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to West Valley Presbyterian Church, 6191 Bollinger Rd., Cupertino, CA, 95014 or Hospice of the Valley, 4850 Union Ave, San Jose, CA, 95124.

# Tribute Wall



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