



Alpha H. Emerson

April 18, 1914 - February 25, 2011

Alpha "Em" Emerson was born April 18, 1914, in Morley, MO to Ura Alpha Emerson and Dora Elizabeth (Levan) Emerson. He helped his dad on the farm and at the "Cotton Gin." He graduated from Morley High School when he was just 17. He entered the U.S. Navy in 1932, served in China three and a half years, was in World War II and the Korean War. On December 6, 1941, he married Edith Henning and had a daughter, Alice, born in 1943. He retired from the Navy in July 1954. They moved to Port Orchard in 1954, where he worked at Puget Sound Naval Shipyard until 1969. He became very active at First Baptist Church of Port Orchard, where he helped with the construction of the church after a fire, served on committees and taught Sunday School. In Port Angeles, he was Sunday School Director and served on committees; in Chelan, he became a Deacon and served on committees and taught. He also served on committees and taught at Eastmont Baptist Church a few years, until he got Macular Degeneration in both eyes. One of his favorite things to do was to bake cookies, especially Toll House, and share them with everyone. He was known as the "Cookie Man." Em liked hunting, but loved fishing! He usually came home with the limit allowed. His family was very important to him.

His brothers, Arlyn and Herschell; and his sister, Leona (Richardson) all died before him. He has one half-sister, Jane Knapp; and two half-brothers, Bob and Jack Emerson still living; along with his daughter, Alice (Jerry) Gaudette

of Port Orchard, WA; grandsons, Glenn and Paul (Stacy) Gaudette; granddaughter, Justine (Bruce) Armbruster; great-grandchildren, Eric Gaudette, Taunia (Nathan) Ourso, Ivie (Ryan French) Gaudette, Alyssa (Kyle) Buckert, Gordon and Brooke Armbruster; and great-great-grandchildren, Caden Gaudette, Skylar, Reese and Ryann Ourso, and Nathaniel French. He loved God; his wife, Edith; his family; his church family; and his country.

A Celebration of Life Service will be held at 1:00 p.m., Monday, April 25, 2011, at Eastmont Baptist Church, in East Wenatchee. Arrangements are assisted by Telford's Chapel of the Valley, East Wenatchee.