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March 6, 1930 - March 19, 2011

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Carl Dwayne Cunningham, of East Wenatchee, WA, went to be with the Lord March 19, 2011. He was born in Wichita, KS on March 6, 1930, to Carl J. and Fern Cunningham. He had one sister, Margaret Bailey (deceased), and one brother, Dale (Betty) Cunningham, now living in East Wenatchee. He married Betty Irene Brown in Great Bend, KS on March 17, 1949, in the Bremerton Navy Yard Chapel by the officiate chaplain. He served eight years in the Navy (four years active, four years inactive) as a Dispensing Clerk. During this time, he received his four year college degree in Electronics. He also took his turn as Military Police from 1948 to 1950. Carl worked for Kitsap Radio and TV in Bremerton for years, before coming to Wenatchee in 1965. His hobbies were two-way radio systems, music and guitar. He could play like Chet Atkins. People would come from miles around to listen to him play. He was ordained by A.A. Allen Ministries on January 23, 1954, and served as senior Pastor of the Abundant Life Church from 1984 to 2011. He loved playing music with his brother, Dale, his grandson, Dwayne, and his wife, Melody, at church while his wife, Betty, played the organ. Once in a while, they could talk his other grandson, David, into playing on the bass. He ordained his grandson, Dwayne Birmingham, and watched as he grew in Christ. Dwayne is now preaching the

gospel. Carl and Betty had two children, Carl W. (Sharon) Cunningham of Monitor and Phyllis (Larry) Birmingham of East Wenatchee. He would swell with pride as he talked of their accomplishments and how much he loved them.

He was a very loving husband and had dedicated his life to his wife of 62 years. Carl had three grandchildren, Dwayne (Melody) Birmingham, David Birmingham and Shane (Betsy) Dillard; and six great-grandchildren, Aubrey Reed, Greg Birmingham, Daniel Birmingham, Jon Birmingham, Coen Dillard and Taylor Henderson.

A Funeral Service will be held Friday, March 25, 2011, at 1:00 p.m. at Telford's Chapel of the Valley. Concluding Services and Interment will follow at Evergreen Memorial Park with military honors. Viewing will be Friday, March 25, from 9:00 a.m. to Noon. Memorial donations may be made to the Rabbi Grossman Orphanage, c/o John Hagee Ministries, P.O. Box 1400, San Antonio, TX 78595-1400. Arrangements are by Telford's Chapel of the Valley, East Wenatchee.