



Dr. Melvin James Drescher

November 1, 1923 - December 3, 2013

Dr. Melvin James Drescher, 90, of East Wenatchee, WA, passed away on Tuesday, December 3, 2013 surrounded by his loving family. He was born in Lincoln, Nebraska on November 1, 1923 to Melvin and Mary Belle (Greene) Drescher and moved to Olympia, WA in 1927. After graduating from Olympia High School in 1942 he attended several colleges in the V-12 Navy College Training Program and served in the Pacific Theater during World War II.

On August 4, 1946, Melvin married Marijo Loudin at the First Christian Church in Olympia. They settled into GI housing in Seattle's Union Bay Village while he attended the University of Washington School of Dentistry, where he was a member of the first graduating class in 1950. That same year they moved to East Wenatchee where Dr. Drescher established his dental practice in the King Street Building which operated until his retirement in 1994. He was well known for his compassionate care, as well as his quick wit, legendary storytelling and for always whistling a joyful tune. With his family he enjoyed many outdoor activities such as hunting, fishing, skiing, backpacking and golf. He was a member of the American Dental Association, Wenatchee Swim & Tennis Club, and the Wenatchee Central Lions Club. He also served as a Boy Scout Leader.

Survivors include his daughter, Melinda Gulstine of Lake Oswego, OR; and his sons and daughters-in-law, Matt and Sunshine Drescher of Sun River OR,

Brett and Janis Drescher of Orondo, Doug Drescher and Stacey King of Orondo, and Adam and Jeri Drescher of East Wenatchee. He is also survived by 11 grandchildren and three great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his wife of 64 years in 2010.

A Memorial Service will be held Friday, December 13, 2013 at 11:00 am at Telford's Chapel of the Valley. Memorial contributions may be made to the charity of your choice. Arrangements are by Telford's Chapel of the Valley, East Wenatchee.