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George Jerry Bruggman, a longtime Wenatchee/East Wenatchee, WA resident, passed away at Cashmere Convalescent Center on Saturday, July 12, 2014. George was born on July 13, 1933, in Wenatchee, to Edmond and Martha (Akamatsu) Bruggman and was the fifth out of eight children. After graduating from Wenatchee High School in 1951, he went into the military, from 1953 to 1955, and was stationed in Japan, where he met Akiko Akumatsu and, several months after he was discharged, he had saved and borrowed enough money to return to Japan and ask her hand in marriage. They were married at the American Consulate in Tokyo, Japan on November 21, 1955. They had three children, Robert, Teresa and Gregory. He worked for Van Well Nursery, managing their field operations and growing fruit trees for orchardists around the world. He farmed ground in the East Wenatchee area and then down in the Quincy area before retiring in 1998. George's passions included fishing, which led to him being one of the founding members of the Central Washington Bass Club, and he enjoyed numerous fishing trips with family. He was very fond of his yard and took great pride in it. He was also an avid sports fan, sharing and passing his love of the Seahawks, Mariners, and Sonics to his family. George will be remembered as

a family man, both with his immediate, as well as the entire Bruggman family.

George is survived by his children, Bob Bruggman and Greg (Karen) Bruggman of Wenatchee and Teresa (Eric) Farley of Issaquah; eight grandchildren, Rachel (Kent) Wheeler, Jacob Bruggman, Sam Farley, Andy Farley, Karissa Bruggman, Lacy (Scott) Moen, Katie (Bryan) Darwood and Kyle Bruggman; and six great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents; and wife.

Memorial Service for George will be held at 10:00 a.m. on Thursday, July 17, 2014, at Telford's Chapel of the Valley in East Wenatchee, followed by a Graveside Ceremony at Wenatchee City Cemetery. A Celebration of Life will follow at Gateway Cinema from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Arrangements are by Telford's Chapel of the Valley, East Wenatchee.