



## Owen Higginbotham

October 17, 1930 - September 17, 2021

Owen Mayor Higginbotham, 90 years 11 months, was born to Everett Owen and Zella Ilean (Cox) at Culp, Baxter County, Arkansas on October 17, 1930, died Friday, September 17, 2021, quietly at home as was his desire. He was tenderly cared for by Don and the rest of the Hospice team whom he thoroughly enjoyed. Owen was graduated from Bethel Springs High School, Culp on May of 1949. His family then moved by truck to Zillah, then Leavenworth Washington, a story he reveled family with. He went to Heston College for one year but didn't return because his family needed him to work. He traveled up and down the coast picking various crops with his family and working in the woods logging. He met the Love of his life, Avis Rayfield in 1952 and they were married on August 14, 1953 at Coeur d'Alene, Id. After their marriage, they made their home near Valley Junction, Or near Owens family where their daughter, Ellen was born. In 1956 they moved back to Peshastin on the North road where Bill was born, then in Leavenworth where Dale was born. They moved to Entiat in 1965 then to Peshastin in 1968, where they lived for 53 years.

Owen spent most of his working life in the woods in Oregon and Washington and formed the Big Four logging company which he ran with his partners Glen and Bill Stubbs and Wills Proffet. His brother Dan joined him in his later working years. He would do most anything for his workers, sometimes at his own peril. He never lost his thirst for knowledge studying Scientific American

cover to cover until he could discuss each article with complete understanding. He also loved the non-traditional side, listening to Coast to Coast every night and vigorously discussing the various merits with his brother Paul. Owen loved the outdoors camping, boating, motorcycles, NASCAR and traveling but most of all he loved to sit and watch his grandchildren and great grandchildren who meant more to him than anything. He was the rock of his family and provided assistance and advice whenever needed.

Owen is survived by his sister Carolyn of Salem, Or; brother Paul (Amy) of Cashmere; daughter and Son in Law Ellen (Stephen) of Snohomish; son Dale of Peshastin; ten grandchildren, Tiffany (Jeff), Kyle (Tim), Owen (Crystal), Scott (Debra), Bill, Shane, David, Dane, Darby; great grandchildren Halee, Marriah, Logan, Keiphen, Raegan, Luca, Ava, Bella, Liam, Alex, Alana, Cullan. He was preceded in death by his parents; his wife Avis; his son Bill; brothers Dan, Leon; sisters Doris, Muriel, Verlee.

A celebration of life will be held October 3rd at Chapel of the Valley, 378 Eastmont Ave. at 12:30 followed by fellowship at Lincoln Rock state park picnic shelter 3 to share stories about Big Four and Owen. Owen will be interred beside his loving wife and son in Leavenworth and beside his mother and grandmother in Culp, Arkansas.

Arrangements made by Chapel of the Valley, East Wenatchee.