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Raymond G. Brain was born September 1, 1934 to Greek immigrants, Aleck Brain and Alma Knoll Brain, in Sunnyside Washington. His childhood years were spent in Priest Rapids and Cedar Falls, WA, where his father worked for the railroad. Ray graduated from Mt. Si High School and began a short career in the local logging community. Ray's life work was mostly spent as a proud member of Ironworkers Local 86. Ray relocated to the Wenatchee area to work on all the Columbia River dams. He was a member of the Ti Rod Car Club, enjoying hot rods and drag racing. He soon met his wife, Beverly Harrison. Ray and Beverly were married March 7, 1962. They had two children, Eric and Shelly. Ray's career sent him and his family to Scotland, where he worked on off-shore oil rigs in the North Sea. Ray was very proud to have had the opportunity to work on the oil rigs and the life experiences that living in Scotland offered.

Ray returned to the Wenatchee area, working with Local 86 for 40 years. Ray retired and began new hobbies in life. Ray enjoyed the potato harvest each year in Quincy driving the "spud truck". He was very active in the North Central Washington Dahlia Association. Ray was the Vice President of the

Dahlia Association and spent many days in the Emerson Street Dahlia Garden. He enjoyed the dahlia garden and spending time with the association members, where he made so many good friends. This was Ray's passion after all the years of heavy construction. Ray grew fantastic dahlias and found each one beautifully unique and this brought him much joy. Despite failing health over the last few years, Ray attended the NCW Dahlia Association's 2013 main event, celebrating his 79th birthday with family and many good friends. Ray attended Eastmont Presbyterian Church, enjoying his visits with Pastor Jim Deal and the Church Family. It was well known that Ray looked forward to Fellowship Hour and all the good food. In addition, many afternoons were spent with long time friend and neighbor Herb Teas, exchanging opinions and ideas on various subjects.

Ray is survived by his wife Beverly Brain; son, Eric Brain and wife Lisa Brain; daughter, Shelly Brain; sister, Eleanor Johnson and her husband Carl Johnson. Ray will be dearly missed by family and friends.

A Memorial Service for Ray will begin at 11:00 a.m. Friday October 25, 2013, at the Eastmont Presbyterian Church 200 S. Kentucky, East Wenatchee, WA.

Arrangements are by Telford's Chapel of the Valley, East Wenatchee, WA.