



Richard W. Holtz

March 2, 2011

Richard W. Holtz passed away on Wednesday, March 2, 2011, in East Wenatchee. Richard was the eldest child born to Herman and Grace Holtz on April 27, 1937, in Bellingham. His father, being in the mining industry, moved to several locations, so his early childhood years were spent in Bellingham, Republic, Elko, NV, Holden Village and then Wenatchee. Richard graduated from Wenatchee High School in 1955. In June of 1955, Richard joined the United States Navy and spent 11 years traveling the world. He served in Japan, England, the Mediterranean and several bases in the United States. Upon returning home, he worked in the apple industry, until he retired due to health issues. Richard was a unique individual and loved people and his family, but first and foremost he loved his dogs. Over the years, his pets were his constant companions, his passion in life. For several years, he visited nursing homes and care facilities with "Bandit," sharing the companionship of his pet with others.

Richard is survived by his sister, Patricia Neumann of East Wenatchee; and his brother, Ron Holtz of Portland, OR. Not having children of his own, he was extremely proud of his niece and nephews, Brandy Shannon, Cam, Shawn, Brad, Steve, Randy and their families. He was preceded in death by his parents.

Many thanks to his wide range of acquaintances for the support and caring

that you have given to him. His life was enriched by your generosity, love and attention.

A Private Inurnment will be held at Tahoma National Cemetery in Kent. Telford's Chapel of the Valley is in charge of arrangements.