



## Robert Barr

April 22, 1928 - October 10, 2015

East Wenatchee, WA

Harold Robert Barr, always known as "Bob", died peacefully in his sleep on October 10, 2015, at home in East Wenatchee, WA. Bob was born April 22, 1928, in Albany, OR, to Florence and Robert William Barr. He was the older brother to James and Sandra. The family moved to Seattle, WA when Bob was 13. He attended Cleveland High School and the University of Washington. Bob met his love and wife of 63 years, Doreen, while attending the U of W. They were married December 9, 1951. Bob was a Marine deployed to Korea during the Korean War. When he returned from the military, he first worked for the Seattle Times and then spent many years with Associated Grocers, where he assisted many independent grocers throughout Washington. In 1969, Bob and Doreen formed their own company named Center Investments, Inc. The family moved to East Wenatchee, where Bob and a group of other investors developed the Wenatchee Valley Mall, amongst other real estate projects. Bob directed the mall for some 25 years. He was also very involved with Cost Cutter Stores in Bellingham, WA, helping them develop grocery stores and sitting on their board. Those who worked with him were always impressed by his honesty, integrity and sense of fairness. Bob and Doreen later moved to Whidbey Island, WA, where they worked together running their business. Bob was a loving and caring husband, father, brother and grandfather. He inspired his family and others with his zest for life,

perseverance and his caring, optimistic nature. He was always interested in the thoughts and opinions of others and had a gift of making everyone his friend without judgement. Bob loved the outdoors, fishing and hunting with his family and friends. He was a long time Rotary member and was honored by the South Whidbey Rotary which created a new award, the "Bob Barr Life Award" in recognition of his positive attitude and perseverance in the face of adversity.

Bob is survived by his wife, Doreen; sons: Mark (Julie), Rick (Kristi) and Dan (Cheri); sister, Sandra of Boise, ID; grandchildren Allison, Emily, Kyla, Kaitlyn, Derek and Chaun; and great-grandchild, Kylynn.

A service honoring Bob's life will be held on November 7, 2015, at 3:00 p.m., at the Bonaventure facility at 50 29th NW, East Wenatchee, WA 98802. Memorial donations can be made to World Vision. Arrangements assisted by Telford's Chapel of the Valley.