



## Robert F. Kennedy

August 25, 1924 - January 9, 2016

Jesus said, "I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in Me, though he may die, he shall live" John 11:25

Robert (Bob) Kennedy, 91, knew this truth and met his Savior, face to face, on Saturday, January 9, 2016. Bob was a man of faith, integrity, prayer, had a great sense of humor, and loved his family dearly and they loved him.

He was born August 25, 1924 in Prague, OK to Fred and Inez Kennedy and joined his sister, Mary Fran, to complete their family. By the time he was 6 years old, he came to the saving knowledge of Jesus Christ and surrendered his life to Him.

He attended Oklahoma University briefly before enlisting to be a fighter pilot in WWII. Bob married his sweetheart, Betty, on July 16, 1943. They were husband and wife, partners, sweethearts, and love birds for over 72 years. They showed us what true love looks like.

Together they raised their two children, Sherlia and Robert, and spent weekends doing things together like fishing, picnics, going to church, camping, and whatever adventure came their way.

Bob and Betty owned a grocery store in Oklahoma then moved West, finally settling in Spokane, WA where he was the Area Manager for American Tobacco Company. Soon they purchased property in East Wenatchee and planted two orchards.

Bob kept his pilot's license and after working the week at their corporate jobs, he and Betty would hop in their plane and fly to Wenatchee to work in their orchards. Whatever Bob and Betty did, they did together. By the time they were 50 they retired and became full time orchardists. This allowed them to enjoy the life of snowbirds. For years they had a home in Mexico and later in Texas which enabled Bob to continue to pursue his love of fishing.

By the 90's their family had grown to include great grandchildren and summers were spent picnicking with everyone, attending church, and working their orchards. It was always fun to visit them and ride the tractors, get bin rides, and hang onto Grampsy (Bob) as he tore around the orchard, or between orchards, on his motorcycle.

He was the best! We all lived each day knowing we were loved, prayed for, and an important part of this family.

This past August, we gathered to celebrate their 72nd wedding anniversary and their birthdays. It was a time of love and lots of laughter. He will be missed but we don't grieve as others do who have no hope. For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have fallen asleep (I Thes 4:13a-14)

Robert was preceded in death by his parents, Fred and Inez,

his sister, Mary Fran, and his son, Robert F Kennedy, Jr. He is survived by his beloved bride, Betty; daughter Sherlia (Cliff) Larson; 3 grandchildren, Shelli (Lou) Schlotfeldt, Rob Kennedy III, and Jerry (Celena) Larson; Seven great grandchildren, Paul (Sarah) DeKorte, Taylor Larson, Josh DeKorte, Audrey Larson, Morgan DeKorte, Rosten Kennedy, and Jia Kennedy; and 3 step

grandchildren, John Schott, Matthew Schott, and Beth Schott. A Funeral Service

for Bob will held at Eastmont Baptist Church in East Wenatchee at 10:00 AM Friday, January 15, 2016. Interment will follow at Evergreen Memorial Park. Arrangements are by Telford's Chapel of the Valley, East Wenatchee, WA