



## Ronald Walton Towne

December 1, 2016

Ron W. Towne

East Wenatchee, WA

We lost an American Hero, a member of the Greatest Generation, on 1 December 2016.

Ron Towne husband, father, grandfather, uncle, friend and World War II Navy veteran, passed away at his home in East Wenatchee.

Ron lived the classic Greatest Generation life. He was born during the Great Depression. He lost his mother at an early age and was raised as an only child by his grandparents in a basic farm family. As a teenager he volunteered for and served his country as a sailor aboard the Air Craft Carrier USS Swanee during WWII. He married his high school sweetheart, Nell Rains, in 1946, a marriage that lasted 63 years. He is a father to his two children and a grandfather to his twin grandchildren. He was a gentle, giving man.

Ron's father and grandfather Towne were jewelers, and from that side of his family Ron inherited the artistic touch that was so apparent in the metalwork that he designed and completed as a craftsman for Wells and Wade during his 42 years of employment there.

From his Ostenberg grandparents, he learned the value of good hands-on work and the optimism of a farmer. He loved the accomplishment of a project that he designed and built. This included two family homes and two productive orchard operations.

Ron greatly valued his family and supported his children and grandchildren

through their school year activities, years of participation in the Wenatchee YMCA circus, FFA fair projects and many other events.

Hunting and fishing were activities that Ron loved. Whether it was "gigging" bullfrogs, digging clams, fishing for salmon or hunting upland birds and waterfowl, Ron loved it. Perhaps his greatest enjoyment came as he hunted elk each fall. He was good at it and you can visit his home to see the horns as testimony to his success.

Ron spent the last 6 years of his life with his loving wife Nancy Vail Towne. They shared the love of fishing, nature and being outdoors.

Ron, this multi-talented, quiet, giving man, was a classic example of the American dream. Born at a difficult time in the history of our country, who answered the call of duty to serve his country and then went on to enjoy the benefits of this country and his labor, to father a family, to prosper economically and to fulfill the American dream. He was a true member of the Greatest Generation and we honor him for his contribution to his country, to his family and to his friends.

A Funeral Service will be held at Telford's Chapel of the Valley on Saturday, December 10, 2016 at 2:00 p.m. The service will conclude in the chapel. A private interment will take place at Evergreen Memorial Park. Memorial donations may be made to CWH Hospice or Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation. Arrangements are by Telford's Chapel of the Valley, East Wenatchee.