



## Victor Von Blair

December 19, 1937 - March 26, 2012

Victor "Vic" Von Blair

East Wenatchee, WA

Victor "Vic" Von Blair, longtime proprietor of 'Vic's Fix It,' passed away at home with family and friends at his side on March 26, 2012, at the age of 74. Vic spent his childhood in Wenatchee, WA, helping his parents tend their orchards until he joined the Navy as a cook during the Korean War. After returning home from the Navy, he started his family in the Seattle area, while working as a machinist for Boeing. Missing the intimacy of a small town, Vic returned to the Wenatchee area in the early 1970's, where he once again managed his parent's orchards, until the fast paced restaurant business drew him back to the kitchen. He served many meals to Wenatchee residents as a cook and chef at local restaurants, and had the honor of preparing a dinner for former Washington State Governor, Dixie Lee Ray. During this time, he met, fell in love with and married Jessie, the love of his life, who has remained at his side until his recent passing. He also grew his family to a total of five children, all of whom he loved dearly. While working nights at the restaurant, Vic tinkered with repairing small appliances. This hobby soon grew into a full time appliance repair business that still serves the community today as 'Vic's Fix It.' As an entrepreneur and family man, Vic ensured that every member of his family, from his wife to his grandchildren, were involved in the business. His

son, Robert, worked closely with him, learning every aspect of the business, while his daughters developed their strong work ethic and his grandson, Jared, gained a passion for all things mechanical. His granddaughter, Dylan, always added an extra sparkle to his eye when she was around. Vic was also a compassionate man, who felt that any person who was capable of and willing to work, deserved the chance to do so. He employed many people in the Wenatchee area who had unique circumstances that may not have made them attractive candidates by other traditional employers. Just prior to his passing, he began an affiliation with the Vets for Vets program, in which he assisted returning Veterans with training in appliance repair and refrigeration. He was very excited and proud to be able to participate in this program. Vic was known as a "creative" entrepreneur, who loved to barter or trade until all involved in the transaction walked away happy. Vic loved people, his work and mostly, his family. He will be missed by so many.

Vic is survived by his wife, Jessie; sons, Steven, Vincent and Robert; daughters, Connie and Cindy; sons-in-law, Larry and Samuel; six grandchildren, Jared, Dylan, Donald, Heath, Larry and Jennifer; and four great-grandchildren, Jazmyn, Megan, Christopher and Kaden.

A Memorial Service will be held at Telford's Chapel of the Valley on Saturday, April 7, 2012, 2012, at 1:00 p.m. Vic encountered so many people in the Valley from all walks of life. He enjoyed the time he spent with each and every one. All who knew Vic are welcome to come and share a favorite memory, or just listen to others.