



## William R. Block

April 18, 1924 - December 5, 2016

William "Bill" Reeves Block was born April 18, 1924, in Beaumont, TX, to Fuller and Estelle Block, and passed away peacefully on December 5, 2016, at the age of 92, in East Wenatchee, WA.

Bill eagerly joined the U.S. Navy during WWII, at the age of 17. While he was stationed in Seattle, WA, he met his future wife, Mabel. Bill and Mabel were married in San Francisco, CA, on August 27, 1944, just before Bill shipped out to the South Pacific on the USS Gillis.

Bill was employed as an electrical contractor for over 25 years, living in four western states while raising their family (he accepted several international contracts in the 1980's).

In 1974, Bill took a year off from his career to be general contractor for their new home on Flowery Divide in Cashmere, WA, where they enjoyed living for 33 years. After retirement, Bill managed the Cedarwood Apartment complex in Wenatchee for several years. His hobbies included boating, fishing, RVing, playing guitar, and a good conversation. Bill and Mabel enjoyed traveling to Egypt, Greece, South America, and cruising the Panama Canal, Caribbean,

and  
Alaska.

Bill volunteered several years with Cashmere's Float Committee, Cashmere Museum, and the local Coast Guard Auxiliary chapter. He was an active member of Wenatchee Free Methodist Church (now Sage Hills Church), and was pleased to serve as a greeter for many years.

Bill is survived by his wife of 72 years, Mabel Block; daughter, Bev (Jeff) Johnson of Alexandria, MN; son, Bart (Janice) Block of Wenatchee, WA; four grandsons: Brian (Jenn) Johnson of Sartell, MN, Eric (Kari) Johnson of Grand Forks, ND, Scott (Jana) Johnson of Eden Prairie, MN; Andrew (Angela) Block of Wenatchee, WA; nine great-grandchildren. Bill was pre-deceased by his three sisters: Margaret, Christine, and Lillian.

The family wishes to thank the Bonaventure Staff, Dr. Jeffrey Clarke and the beloved Hospice Staff at Confluence Health.

Friends are invited to a Memorial Service at 10:00 a.m. on Saturday, December 10, 2016, at Sage Hills Church, 1601 5th Street, Wenatchee, WA. Memorial contributions in Bill's name may be made to The Salvation Army, P.O. Box 594, Wenatchee, WA, 98807, or any "red kettle" to help those in need within our community. Memorial service arrangements are assisted by Telford's Chapel of the Valley, East Wenatchee, WA.