



William Grane Wolford

April 15, 1926 - September 2, 2010

William G. Wolford, 84, of Wenatchee, died September 2, 2010, in Wenatchee. He was born April 15, 1926, at Ashland, OR to Benjamin E. and Anna G. Wolford, who operated a general store at Sprague River, OR on the Klamath Indian Reservation. William served in the Pacific Theater with the U.S. Navy during World War II, and graduated from Southern Oregon and Oregon State University, the latter in 1950. He was employed as a Federal Bank Examiner until 1959, when he was employed as Vice President of Security Bank of Ephrata. In 1968, he was elected President and Chairman of the Board of Security Bank of Washington, which he held until retiring in 1987. William was a past President of the Ephrata Chamber of Commerce, the Columbia Basin Development League, Community Banks of Washington and the Washington Bankers Association. He was a past Board Member of the American Bankers Association, Western Independent Bankers, Washington State Energy Policy Council, Washington State Water Resources Board and the Washington State Ecological Commission. William was an interesting and multi-faceted man. Friends may remember his excellent sense of humor, his fun-loving attitude or being invited to one of his many enjoyable dinner parties. He had many passions, including sailing at Lake Chelan and in the San Juans. He rode Harley Davidson motorcycles for many years and made a trip to Sturgis, SD with his Harley buddies. William loved his children, spoke of them with pride and adored his grandchildren.

He is survived by his beloved wife of 35 years, Adele; and by daughter, Monica Wolford (Alex); son, Douglas Wolford; son, Bruce Wolford (Sue); and grandchildren, Alexa, Devon, Brooke and Zack Wolford; step-daughter, Leslie Campbell (Stuart); step-son, Harold Geesey; and step-grandchildren, Emma and Yana. He was preceded in death by two infant sisters; his parents, Benjamin and Anna Wolford; and a brother, Scott Wolford.

In lieu of flowers, the family asks that memorial contributions be made to Art on the Avenue's Endowment Fund at the Community Foundation of North Central Washington. Checks should be made to the Community Center Foundation/AOTA and mailed to the Community Foundation of NCW, P.O. Box 3332, Wenatchee, WA 98807-3332. A Private Memorial will be held.