



## *Richard Fredrick Haas*

Richard Fredrick Haas, 89, passed away on October 11, 2010 at Sherwood Assisted Living in Sequim. Dick was born on January 20, 1921 to Wilhelm and Marie Haas in Rhinephalz, Germany. He came with his family to the United States when he was three-years-old and lived in Parma, Ohio until he joined the Navy in 1943.

After he was discharged from the Navy (Aviation Machinist Mate Second Class), he married the love of his life, Doris Jean Haas, on March 10, 1946 in Inglewood, California. Dick & Doris started their married life in Parma, but later moved back to Inglewood, where they raised their family. His beautiful wife of 64 years died July 23, 2010.

Upon returning to Inglewood, Dick worked for the Flying Tigers Flight Cargo until he became a member of the Beverly Hills Police Department where he earned his sharpshooter classification pin. He was promoted to Detective and retired as Sergeant in 1976 after 27 years of service. Oh, the stories he could tell! Dick and Doris retired to Magalia in Northern California but soon found their way to Diamond Point in Sequim where they built their dream home and lived out their retirement years.

Dick was a member of Faith Lutheran Church in Sequim, the Sequim VFW, Gardiner Grange, and was Past Exalted Ruler of Sequim Elks Lodge and past member of the Beverly Hills Masonic Lodge. He also belonged to the Yoke and Yokels and the Whirling Rainbows Square Dance Clubs in Southern California and to the Strait Wheelers and Rhody-O's Clubs in Washington. While his boys were growing up in Inglewood, Dick was involved with the Cub Scouts and later the YMCA Indian Guides.

Dick was an avid "do-it-yourselfer." He could build just about anything, from rocking horses for his grandchildren to a recreation room addition to their home in Inglewood and storage shed on their property in Diamond Point. And, if anyone needed anything fixed, he was the "go-to" guy! On top of all that, he was quite the cook and loved trying new recipes! He also enjoyed various types of arts and crafts, including beading, stained glass and painting, especially landscapes; his family displays and enjoys many of his works of art.

Dick is survived by his sons and daughters-in-law, Richard, Jr. and Debbie, of Coronado, CA, and Donald and Patty of Port Angeles; grandchildren Richard (Jasmine) Haas of Philadelphia, PA, Dustin (Casey) Haas of Fairfield, CA, Amanda (Matt) Dubeau of Port Angeles, and Hilary Haas of Seattle; and two great-grandchildren.

Memorial services will be held at Faith Lutheran Church, 382 W. Cedar St., Sequim, on Saturday, November 6, 2010 at 11:00 am, with a reception immediately following in the Fellowship Hall. Pastors Steve Eaton and Roger Stites will officiate. Inurnment will be at Tahoma National Cemetery in Kent, Washington.

Drennan-Ford Funeral Home in Port Angeles was in charge of cremation.