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JOHN PFEFFER

John was born in Bismarck, North Dakota in December of 1921 to Al and Loretta Pfeffer.

He attended Gonzaga University prior to serving his country in the Army Air Force during World War II.

John married Helen Munro on October 3, 1952, in Ketchikan, Alaska.

His work for the FAA took his family to Juneau, Galena, Mount Edgecumbe, Northway and Delta Junction until retiring to Gardiner, Washington, after 32 years of service.

During these years he helped parent nine children with humor and unique problem solving.

Waffles on Saturday, so that "you know who" could sleep in; faking a supportive hand hold with a clothes pin to give the confidence needed to a young son so he could ride his bike alone for the first time; writing personal letters of guidance to his children; giving Bibles with a check quietly waiting inside were all part of his reflective way.

Fishing, hunting and berry picking were essential activities made more joyful when his berry bucket turned up filled with moss and topped with berries or when hunting trips brought back stories larger than the prize.

These long trips always ended at home's front door with a horn beep sequence: -...- which is Morse code for transmission complete.

Especially dear to his heart was ministering to the homebound and his work with the St. Vincent de Paul Society.


Crossword puzzles, talking to strangers, watering flowers, Friday breakfast with dear friends, sharing tea and an evening ice cream with his wife as well as penning poetic reflections on life were many of his favored activities.

John died June 27, 2009 surrounded by family.

He is survived by his wife of 56 years, Helen; children Penelope of Tok, Alaska, and Sequim, John (Cheryle) of North Pole, Alaska, Robert of Fairbanks, Alaska, Mary Schwetz of Sequim, Patricia Pfeffer of North Pole, Alaska, Loretta (Kelly) Goneau of Tok, Alaska, William of Fairbanks, Alaska, Teresa (Dave) Parker of Fairbanks, Alaska, and Jill (Mike) Yrjana of Kodiak, Alaska.

His grandchildren include Nicia, Lesae, Kim, Jennifer, Dana, Jesse, Jessica, Rebecca, Gyver, Paige, Reid, Brandylyn, Elizabeth, David, Andrew, Samantha, and Mitchel as well as numerous great-grandchildren; sister Lorraine Ostrin of California; nieces Joan (Mike) Hoppe, Elaine (Walter) Townsend, Anita Agnew, Sharalynn Pfeffer and Cindy Faucher; and nephews Robert and Michael Ostrin.

The Pfeffer family would like to extend their gratitude to the staff at both Olympic Medical Center and the Olympic Cancer Center as well as Dr. Lyndes and Dr. Corley for their exemplary and



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compassionate care to our dear husband and father.

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Until we meet again, -...-

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