

LAUGHEAD, NEIL L.

Date of birth: March 23, 1933

Date of death: July 11, 2009

~~New~~ Section Row 12 Plot 37

Veteran U.S. Army - FLAG

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Obit from the Daily World, Aberdeen, Wa. 98520

Neil Laughead - July 11, 2009

Saturday, July 11, 2009, surrounded by his loving family, Neil L. Laughead, 76, went to be with his Lord. Neil was born March 23, 1933 in Hoquiam, Washington, to Neil C. and Agnes M. (Headquist) Laughead. Neil graduated from Wishkah Valley High School in 1951. He served in the US Army and was stationed in Korea. He worked at Rayonier Paper Mill before becoming a firefighter. Neil was proud to be a firefighter. He was a 25 year veteran of the Aberdeen Fire Dept., six of which he served as Fire Chief. He retired in 1984. In 1957 Neil married JoAnn Zawislak and they later divorced. He then married Marie Allen, his childhood sweetheart, on April 30, 1991, who survives him at the family home. Neil loved life and everything in it, his friends and his family. He was always willing to help all who needed it. His sense of humor brought a smile to everyone he encountered. He was affectionately known as "Grampa Buzzard" to his great grandchildren. He enjoyed watching Wishkah Valley sports, hunting, fishing, clam digging, gardening, wine making and traveling with his wife Marie and their Doxy, Chelcie. Most recently Neil took up knitting hats for oncology patients. Neil was a life-long resident of Grays Harbor, living for the last 22 years in his family's home on the East Hoquiam Road. He was a member of the Aberdeen Lions Club, Aberdeen Eagles and the Wishkah Valley School Board. In addition to his wife, Marie, he is survived by two sons, Larry Laughead and partner Steve Lien, Portland, Ore. and Doug Woodring, Hoquiam; three daughters, Terri Korst, Lacey, a special daughter and caregiver, Shirley Teague and her husband, Mike, Aberdeen, and Debbie Lee and husband Todd, Kennewick; two brothers, Lyle, Aberdeen and Bruce Sr., Montesano; six grandchildren, Josh and wife Susan Berry, Shannon and husband Bob Anderson, Crystal and husband Seth Lawton, Sgt. Jason and wife Jackie Berry, and Megan and Aaron Korst; eight great-grandchildren, Zack and Jace Anderson, Emily Lawton, Adam and Ally Ancich and Bryleigh, Brheanna and Blake Berry. A sister, Delores LeRoy, preceded him in death in 2007. A private family service was held at the graveside Tuesday, July 14, 2009 in St. Johns Cemetery, Wishkah Valley. The family suggests memorials may be made to the Wishkah Valley Fire Dept. No. 10, c/o Ruth Tosland, 4641 Wishkah Rd., Aberdeen, WA 98520 A card of condolence with a private message may be sent to the family at www.fernhillfuneral.com Arrangements are by Fern Hill Funeral Home, Aberdeen.

Parents:

LAUGHEAD NEIL C. ^{deceased} m. AGNES MARTHA (?) ^{deceased}

2689 E. Hoq. Rd. Neil b. May 11, 1898 d. July 1963 - buried St. John's Cemetery Agnes b. April 21, 1909 d. May 1976 - buried St. John's Cemetery

Children:

Delores Graduated Wishkah 1945 m. Leroy (?)

Lyle Graduated Wishkah 1949

Neil Graduated Wishkah 1951 m1. JoAnn Zwislak, m2. Hazel Marie Allen See Neil C. Laughead

Bruce Graduated Wishkah 1954