



Ralph Leslie Thompson

July 22, 1926 - May 24, 2021

Ralph passed away peacefully May 24, 2021, at Glenwood Place in Vancouver, WA. He was born in Vancouver, July 22, 1926, to Luther and Alice (McKay) Thompson. He attended Harney Elementary and Vancouver High School where he graduated in June 1944. He immediately enlisted in the Navy and served in the Pacific theatre and the Philippines during World War II. Upon his discharge, he married Letha Towle, his high school sweetheart. They were married for 69 years until her unexpected death in 2015.

He was recruited to join the Vancouver Police Department in 1955 by Chief of Police Harry Diamond and served honorably until his retirement in 1973. During that time, he rose through the ranks to Captain, serving at times as acting Police Chief. He was a longtime member and officer in the Vancouver Police Officers association.

He was very involved with youth activities. He served as a long time Scout Master and worked at many events at local schools and colleges and even soap box derbies to establish a personal relationship with local youth. He actively supported his kids and grandkids however possible. He rarely missed one of their athletic events or activities. He loved traveling, hunting, fishing and was a regular at garage sales. He was an avid collector of oil lamps and old tools.

He was well known for his famous and frequent hugs and wanted those around him to know that he cared about them and they were loved.

He is survived by his sons, Richard (Dick) Thompson (Mary) of Woodland, WA and Terry Thompson (Kathleen) of Vancouver; grandkids, Jennifer Thomas (Pete), Carol Thompson (Ken), Sara Thompson, Krista Thompson and Ryan Thompson; and great-grandchildren, Kailey Thomas, Kiera Thomas and Wyatt Howell.

A memorial service will be held at Evergreen Memorial Gardens on Saturday, June 5, 2021 at 3 p.m. with a graveside service following. A viewing will take place just prior to the memorial service.

Tribute Wall

DJ

“ *Uncle Bick: In loving memory and for your special smile. Love, Darlene*



Darlene A. Jacke - June 03, 2021 at 12:00 AM

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“ *I still cant believe your gone. im going to miss the teasing and your joking around. i would call you would answer the phone What do you want real grumpy like then laugh . You could never be mean you had a caring heart none of my siblings we were not afraid of you. I know your with Aunt Letha who you missed . I have a lot great memory of Uncle Ralph Aunt Letha Love you going to sure miss you Your niece April*

April Pine - May 30, 2021 at 12:00 AM

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“ *I have known Ralph for a year and a half and he changed my life. I visited him once a week to clean his apartment and a friendship really grew. He also have the worlds best hugs!! We will miss you and will always remember you.*

Sarah Pyle - May 28, 2021 at 12:00 AM