



Arthur Nelson Knapp

November 15, 1930 - December 5, 2015

Arthur Nelson Knapp, 85, of Otis Oregon passed away peacefully at home in the loving arms of his family on December 5. He was born on November 15, 1930 in Phoenix, Arizona to Jake Knapp and Charlotte Nelson Knapp.

Growing up, Art raised 4-H animals, worked biking 30 miles a day delivering the Arizona Republic newspaper and caddying at the Biltmore Hotel. He joined the Navy at age 17, serving in the Korean War on the USS Missouri battleship and in the Vietnam War on the USS Repose hospital ship. He retired as Chief Petty Officer after 21 years in 1969. In 1958 he married Audrey Dang of Hawaii and they had three children, Sharon, Charlotte, and Jake. Art's life work was to improve the lives of the developmentally disabled through vocational rehabilitation, first in the San Francisco Bay Area, then in Hood River, Oregon. In 1995 he married Suzanne Milton and together they traveled the United States and the world, finally settling in Otis, Oregon. Art was an avid fisherman and enjoyed sailing, motorcycle riding, woodworking, and spending time with friends and family. Art will be missed for his kindness, gentle spirit and sense of humor.

Art was predeceased by his son Jake in 2005. He is survived by his wife, Suzanne, children Sharon (Bill) Queen of Terrebonne, OR, Charlotte (Al) Gosiak of The Dalles, OR, Aaron (Shannon) Milton of Sherwood, OR, Tracy (Steven) Berkey of Dundee, OR, grandchildren Sarah (Kelly) Queen-Foster,

Jason (Andrea) Queen, Aaron Gosiak, Alec Gosiak, Austin, Madison and McKenzie Milton, Isaac Berkey, and great-granddaughter Alivia Queen.

A celebration of life will be held Saturday, December 19 at 11:00 am at Surftides Lincoln City in the Herman Melville room, 2945 NW Jetty Ave, Lincoln City, OR.

In lieu of flowers, the family asks that donations be made in his name to the Wounded Warrior Project, Make a Wish Foundation, or Samaritan North Lincoln Home Health and Hospice.