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Robert, son of Bryan William Fitzsimmons and Mildred Mary Best, was born at home in Wheaton, Illinois and died at home in Lincoln City, Oregon where he resided since 1996.

Bob worked as a lifeguard during high school then served as a rifleman in the United States Marine Corp in the 1940s and held the rank of Corporal at discharge. He graduated from Wheaton High School concurrent with military service. Bob also served as a volunteer teaching boxing skills to at-risk youth.

In 1949 Bob wed Mary Rosella Parce in Wheaton, Illinois. They were married 61 years.

After brief employment driving taxi and working for Burroughs Adding Machine Company, Bob completed a lengthy electrical apprenticeship under Local #701 IBEW and was initiated as a journey-level electrician on February 16, 1954. Non-work time and vacations generally involved immediate and extended family members and a lot of card games.

In 1967 the Fitzsimmons moved to Oregon and Bob worked for the Beaverton School District for more than 20 years as an electrical and maintenance supervisor. He was state certified as an Electrical Contractor and Supervisor.

In 1996 the family moved to Lincoln City, Oregon. He provided Mary's primary care from 1995 until her death in 2010.

Bob liked fishing, was an avid reader and followed the Chicago Bears and Portland Trailblazers. He was a strong supporter of numerous Veteran organizations.

Bob was pre-deceased by his wife Mary and sister Gloria Wilmes. Surviving children are his daughter Janet Jacobs, his son Bryan Fitzsimmons and Bryan's wife Shannon. Grandchildren are Marie and Chris Jaron, Sean Fitzsimmons and Sean's wife Sydney, Sama and Amira Shagaga. Great-grandchild is Greg Peters.

No public services are scheduled at this time. Memorial contributions may be made to Samaritan North Lincoln Hospice or any organization providing services to Veterans.

Tribute Wall

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“ *Robert lit a candle in memory of Robert Bryan Fitzsimmons*



Robert - March 25, 2017 at 12:00 AM