



John Olson

March 3, 1924 - June 30, 2012

JOHN ALBERT OLSON, age 88 passed away on June 30, 2012 at his home in Lebanon, Oregon. Mr. Olson was born on March 3, 1924 in Seattle, Washington to the late Jon and Martha Olson, who had immigrated to the United States from Sweden in the early 1900's. John was a proud US NAVY veteran of WWII, serving on the USS Savo Island aircraft carrier. After the Navy, he completed a B.S. in Electrical Engineering from the University of Washington. His career spanned many years of working in high level military intelligence and defense industry. He loved camping with his family and friends and was an avid fisherman, always in search of "Old Ned", the ever elusive bass that would have been the catch of his dreams. He also very much enjoyed fixing cars and tinkering with any type of mechanical things to make them work again. John was a huge Baltimore Orioles fan, and was also known to cheer on his favorite football teams, the Washington Redskins and Virginia Tech Hokies. John very much loved his Swedish heritage along with both his passion for work and his family. He was always ready for a road trip or an outdoor camping adventure, and loved to make everyone laugh with his famous jokes. He is predeceased by his parents, his brother, Emil Olson and his wife, Mary Elizabeth Olson. Survivors include his older brother: Allan Olson, Washington State; six children: Karen Bonfante and Chris Jury (Arizona), Carol Pshigoda and Kim Storms (Oregon), Thomas Patterson (West Virginia) and Sheri Olson (California). John left quite a family legacy with eleven grandchildren and eight great grandchildren. The family will hold a

memorial service on Saturday, July 21, 2012 at 10:00 AM at Stonewall
Memory Gardens, Manassas, VA.