



Terrence G. Knapton

October 21, 1924 - April 28, 2015

Terrence (Terry) G. Knapton

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Terry George Knapton, 90, of Tacoma Washington passed away on Thursday April 28, 2015 at his son's home in Stratford, Washington. He lived in Stratford since February 2015.

Terry was born in West Allis, Wisconsin in 1924. He was the son of Deane Russell Knapton and Ruby Elizabeth (Dieter) Knapton. Terry had three sisters, Anita Utke, Eunice Newgard and Deanne Witiak and two brothers, Russell and Wesley Knapton.

Terry served in the Army which subsequently became the Army Air Corp and US Air Force. During the 2nd World War he served in Okinawa, Japan and the Philippines as well as the United States. During this time he met nurse Emma (Amy) Janis at a hospital in Alliance Nebraska. They married and had 6 children: Robert Deane, Janis Marie, David Ross, Terrence Dale, Christine Ann and Michele Marie. Emma Janis passed in 1953. He married Hazel Sperry in 1957. Terry had six biological children and two stepchildren. He adopted David Charles and Susan Carol shortly after marrying Hazel.

Terry's career was with the Federal Government, General Services

Administration, in Washington, Colorado as well as Illinois and New York. Terry retired from the civil service in 1979. He enjoyed fishing, boating, hunting, golfing and camping. He loved to read, play scrabble and cribbage. Family activities were important to him.

Terry is survived by two sisters, Eunice and Deanne, four of his children; Robert, David, Terry and Michele, two step children, David and Susan, 14 grandchildren and 16 great grandchildren.

Memorial Service will be May 9th, 2015, 11:00AM at Zion Lutheran Church, 3410 6th Ave, Tacoma, Washington, Pastor Jeffrey Ries officiating. In lieu of flowers, donations may be sent

in Terry's name to the Red Cloud Indian School, 100 Mission Drive, Pine Ridge, SD 57770. Kayser's Chapel of Memories, Moses Lake, Washington provided final arrangements. Terry will be interred at Mountain View Cemetery; 4100 Steilacoom Blvd SW, Lakewood WA 98499.

Previous Events

Service

MAY 9. 11:00 AM (PT)

Zion Lutheran Church
3410 6th Avenue
Tacoma, WA

Tribute Wall

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“ *Robert A Kase lit a candle in memory of Terrence G. Knapton*



robert a kase - May 07, 2015 at 05:37 AM

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“ *We enjoyed sitting and visiting with Terry on several occasions and his favorite thing was to eat ice cream with chocolate syrup and covered with bananas. We will miss you and pray for the family to be comforted. Chris and Joy Zimbelman.*

Joy Zimbelman - April 30, 2015 at 12:43 PM