



Jack J. Wilson

May 24, 1914 - September 13, 2012

WWII Army veteran, Jack J. Wilson, 98, of Bend, Oregon, passed away peacefully Thursday, Sept. 13 at home with his wife, daughter and granddaughter by his side. Jack was born in Harrisburg, Oregon, son of Guy N. and Gertrude Wilson, and grew up on wheat ranches in Sherman County, Oregon, where his father worked, and he broke horses as a teenager. He joined the US Army in 1942, training at Fort Ord. A Staff Sgt., he was in charge of 97 ambulances and support vehicles landing on Omaha Beach with the Allied D-Day invasion. He served at major battles with the 3rd Army in the European Campaign near the front lines transporting casualties to field hospitals. After the war, he moved to Redmond, Oregon, where he met and married Carol Jean Martin in 1946, and they had daughter, Carol Yvonne, the next year. They later settled in Tumalo, Oregon for 25 years. Jack worked as a truck driver, an independent logger and later an auto mechanic, retiring from Robberson Ford in 1976, after 25 years as an automatic transmission specialist. After retirement, Jack and Carol saw the entire United States on trips in their RV, and spent several winters snowbirding in Apache Junction, AZ. Jack was a 60-year member of the Fraternal Order of Eagles, and past president of Bend Aerie #2089. He was a member of the American Legion and Bend Band of Brothers. He is survived by his wife, Carol; daughter, Yvonne Drury (Denny); grandchildren, Leigh Anne Denney (Philip) and Will Drury; and great-grandsons, Jack Harris and Dennis Drury. He was preceded in death by his parents and sister, Cleone Blaisdell. A celebration of Jack's life

will be held at the Bend VFW Hall at 4th and Olney on Friday, September 21, at 1 p.m. with reception to follow. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Honor Flight of Eastern Oregon through Bend Heroes Foundation, www.bendheroes.org, or Partners in Care, www.partnersbend.org.

Funeral Home:

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