



Earl John Ingebright passed away peacefully on August 7, 2017 at the age of 99. He was born in Seattle, WA on Sept 21, 1917 to John and Hazel Ingebright.

He met his sweetheart Laurine at Seattle's Lincoln High School in 1934. They were married in 1937 at University Presbyterian Church. He soon began attending classes at the University of Washington working towards a degree in Forestry. He joined the Navy during WW II, and received his training at Monterey, CA. After the war, in 1945, Earl began a career at the US Post Office in Seattle. Starting as a clerk he worked his way through the ranks becoming a US Postal Inspector in 1952. In 1967 he was appointed Postal Inspector In Charge of the Seattle Division. In 1969 he was promoted to Postal Inspector In Charge of the San Francisco Division and in 1971 he was promoted to Regional Chief Postal Inspector, New York Region. Earl and Laurine were active longtime members of Northminster Presbyterian Church, living in Ballard for thirty years.

Retiring in 1975, he and Laurine moved back to the Seattle area where they began enjoying retired life. Earl had three main goals- have fun, travel and enjoy the outdoors. He invested in time share condos in Hawaii when they were first popular and bought enough time to spend winters in the islands for the next thirty years. He and Laurine traveled extensively and went around the world at least twice including once via cruise ships. Wherever they lived and whenever they traveled, they made lifelong friends, often inviting them to come & visit. His love of the outdoors meant enjoying a 63 acre forested homestead he had purchased as a family recreation property in 1959. To him it meant more than recreation, it was a place to connect with nature, manage the forest and be a steward of the land.

He fished the beaver ponds and the whole family used it as a great getaway from life in the city. He was a hard worker who loved the creative process and would spend evenings, weekends, and vacation time building homes, gardens, rock walls, and cabins. He believed each day was a gift from God that could be used to accomplish something important. Through the years, he said yes to any project that his parents, children, or church needed done. He was open and friendly to those he met during his life time. He loved deeply, and he taught honesty and high principles by his example. Of all his joys, family was the greatest. Every relative was important to him, and his pride and tender love for each of them was a beautiful gift. Earl reestablished contact with our extended Norwegian family and visited them at least a dozen times.

He is survived by his 3 married children, son David Ingebright, of Arlington WA, daughter Carol Messecar of Covington, WA and Daughter Joanne Florence of Mission Viejo, CA. Also survived by 8 grandchildren, & 10 great grandchildren.

A memorial Service will be held at Everett 1<sup>st</sup> Presbyterian Church at 11:0am on September 9<sup>th</sup> 2017. Memorial gifts may be given to Everett 1st Presbyterian Church or your favorite church or charity.