



## John Bottger

May 8, 1924 - January 6, 2012

John Albin Bottger was born May 8, 1924, in Summit.

He was the great-great-great-grandson of Nahum Amos King, who was the patriarch of the King family for whom Kings Valley was named. He was the only son of Frank Albin Bottger and Lola Pearl Ball. His parents; three of his sisters, Mary Pearl Hammer, Frances Louise Gregg and Ann Corinne Bottger; and his wives, Shirley June Harris and Bernice Held Arnold, preceded him in death.

He is survived by his last remaining sister, Merle Annie Groff-Cleary; and his children, Sherry Louise Fish (Les), John Albin Bottger III and Karl Glenn Bottger (Cheryl). He was the proud grandfather of Kirk Randall Fish, Gregory Robert Fish (Kimberly), Kortland Geoffrey Bottger and step-granddaughter Tamarie Elkins (Zack); and was great-grandfather to Jaymi Katherine Fish, Jessica Irene Fish, Rose Isabelle Elkins, Cameron John Fish and Logan James Fish.

During his career in the timber industry, he held various positions. The last was as a timber cruiser for Northside Lumber Company. Settling in Corvallis when he retired, he then made his love of fishing his main interest.

He was a U.S. Navy veteran of two wars, World War II and the Korean War. During World War II, he served in the Asiatic-Pacific Area (10 stars), the American Area, the European-African Area and the Philippine Liberation (two stars) on board the most decorated battleship of WWII, the USS South Dakota.

He requested that no services be held, with a simple interment in Willamette National Cemetery.