



## Leo Reetz

February 10, 1924 - December 15, 2011

Leo Wilbur Reetz was born February 10, 1924 at Oakland, Oregon, son of Wilbur and Edna Reetz of Kellogg, Oregon. Leo lived in the Roseburg vicinity until 1931 when the family moved to a farm near Junction City, Oregon. Leo graduated from Eugene High School before he joined the military service in 1942. He served with the Army Air Corps in Africa and Italy during WWII, building and maintaining Radio Ranges and Marker Beacons to guide the bombers to their destinations and home again. After the war Leo continued in the broadcast field, working in both radio and television. In 1946 he married Birdie Briggs of Corvallis, Oregon. Leo graduated from Oregon State University in 1960. Leo was active in scouting. He enjoyed the outdoors and the Caribbean, spending time in Virgin Gorda, BVI and was a certified diver. After retiring from the American Broadcasting Company in 1990, they returned to Oregon and settled in Philomath. In his retirement years he kept active. Among his interests were travel, fishing, flying, and gardening.

Leo was preceded in death by his sisters Mildred (Reetz) Smith, and Maxine (Reetz) Myhre, and his brother Donald Reetz.

Leo is survived to his wife Birdie, his children Allan Leo Reetz, Paul Frederick Reetz and his wife Cynthia, and Gayle Reetz Barton and her husband Scott. He is survived by eleven grandchildren, and five great-grandchildren.

Leo was a member of the College United Methodist Church in Philomath.

Memorial donations in Leo's name may be directed to Disabled Veterans, Benton County Hospice, or the College United Methodist Church. A Memorial

Service will be held at 11:00 am, Wednesday December 21 at College United Methodist Church in Philomath.

# Tribute Wall



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**Dave and Karen Reetz** - December 21, 2011 at 12:06 PM