



## Ralph Melvin Eagleson

June 21, 1925 - August 12, 2015

Ralph Eagleson was born June 21, 1925 to Mary Alice and Charles Eagleson of Eddyville Oregon, the youngest of five children.

After graduating from Eddyville High School in 1943, Ralph joined the Marines. He served with an anti-aircraft battalion on both Saipan and Tinian through the end of World War II. He was honorably discharged from the military in 1946.

He married Stella Gilmore of Toledo in 1947, and they made their home in Eddyville. They had four children: Steven, Mary, Dan and Julie. Ralph was proud all four children graduated from Eddyville High School and all four also went on to higher education.

His chosen profession was falling timber. After coming home from the military until retirement, Ralph felt it was the best job ever.

Family was important to both of them, and free time was always filled with relatives visiting or stopping by to help on the farm. They were always ready to return visits, or arrange camping trips together. Ralph and Stella also traveled to Alaska, Hawaii, and Canada. Ralph stayed connected with buddies from the war, and attended annual reunions.

Ralph was the consummate story teller and had an extraordinary memory. As an avid fisherman and hunter along with other life experiences, there were plenty of stories to tell.

Ralph was preceded in death by his brothers Robert Eagleson and John Eagleson, his son Steven Eagleson, and his wife Stella Eagleson.

Ralph is survived by two siblings: Boyd Eagleson of Eddyville, OR, and Harriett Nordyke of Corvallis, OR; three children: Mary Humphrey of Goldendale, WA, Dan Eagleson of Waldport, OR, and Julie Eagleson of Troutdale, OR; six grandchildren, and two great grandchildren.

The family requests any donations or memorial be made to an excellent ministry for homeless families:

My Fathers House

P.O. Box 1147

Gresham, Or. 97030

Sunday, August 30th, from 2:00 to 5:00 p.m., a Memorial gathering will be held at the Eddyville Community Church in Eddyville, OR

# Previous Events

## Memorial Gathering

AUG **30**. 2:00 PM - 5:00 PM (PT)

Eddyville Community Church  
20712 Hwy 20  
Eddyville, OR 97343

# Tribute Wall

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“ I am so sorry to hear of Ralph's passing. You know that he was very near and dear to my father, Ralph Vail. We lost my dad in 1981. Whenever I talked to Ralph, I felt a little closer to my dad. They shared a very special bond. In time, I hope your pain and sadness are replaced with your many wonderful memories. Ann (Punky) Vail

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**Ann** - August 29, 2015 at 07:37 PM