



## A. Doug Roach Roach

October 28, 2007

Roach, A. Douglas Doug Roach, age 100, died peacefully on October 24, 2007 at Twin Lakes Hospice, a few days before his 101st birthday. He was preceded in death by Sadie, his wife of 62 years. Doug was born to Benjamin Roach & Violet Teed of Nova Scotia, Canada on October 31, 1906 in Cambridge, MA. Fatherless since the age of three, he lived with maternal grandparents in Seattle where as a young boy he did odd jobs and attended school until the 8th grade. To help support his family, he began work at an early age. He was employed by AM Castle Co., a wholesale steel firm in Seattle for 14 years from 1934-1942, he worked for the National Park Service at Crater Lake, OR. He and Sadie were one of the first couples to stay year round through the winter's deep snow. The war years imposed many moves on Doug, his wife and young daughter as he began work for the War Dept. Corp. of Engineers as a procurement officer at Camp White, OR. He later was ordered to Bend, OR and then the following year to Walla Walla, WA. In 1944, a move to Phoenix, OR started his career as an orchardist. Daughter Penelope was born in 1947. Doug entered employment with Harry and David Bear Creek Orchards, first as a pear orchard foreman. His career for Bear Creek, which spanned for 26 years, included running 1200 acres of orchard property, managing the packing plant and fruit specialty packs around the country. He was a lifelong learner and during these years, he received his GED, served as a lay leader at St. Mark's Episcopal Church in Medford, OR, participated in Toastmasters, and was active in the Bear Lake Park Assoc.,

where the couple made their home. In his retirement years, he enjoyed gardening and travel. In a move to be closer to family in 1994, he and Sadie were welcomed to the Calvary Center Cooperative and Calvary Lutheran Church in Golden Valley. Doug served as board member of Calvary Cooperative. His friends and family are grateful for his legacy of kindness and courtesy, good humor and humility. He is survived by daughters, Barbara (Bob) of Mpls and Penny Rush of Portland; grandchildren, Douglas (Mary), Roland (Peg), Anna (Rolando), and Trina (Aaron); 13 great-grandchildren; brother, Jim (Betty) Nelson of Erie, PA; cousins, Barbara (Carl) Williams of Concord, NH, JoAnne (Glenn) Tuffnell of Sheridan, IN. Memorials preferred to Calvary Lutheran Church in lieu of flowers. Private interment. Memorial service Monday, 11 AM, at Calvary Lutheran Church, 7520 Golden Valley Rd. in Golden Valley. Visitation 1/2 hour prior to service at church. Washburn-McReavy Robbinsdale Chapel 763-537-2333