Oliver Logue Willoughby

November 8, 1923 ~ September 19, 2016

Oliver Logue Willoughby, Jr. passed away on September 19, 2016. He was born in Ventura, California, November 8, 1923 to Oliver Willoughby, Sr. and Sarah Louise Moraga. He is preceded in death by his parents, and four sisters, Catherine, Josephine, Olive, and Sarah.

After surviving the Great Depression, Oliver joined the U.S. Navy. Pearl Harbor had just been bombed, and he was assigned to be a gunners mate on the battleship USS Laffey. His ship was sunk during the Battle of Guadalcanal, where most of the crew died. He was a lucky survivor. He also served his country during the Korean War.

He married Patricia Casper in 1950 and they had two children, Catherine Lynn, and Nancy Jean. They later divorced, but remained lifelong friends until Patricia's death in May of 2015,

After Oliver was discharged from the Navy, he worked for Shell Oil Company in Ventura, Southern California Edison and Bonneville Power in Madras, Oregon. After he retired, he had a workshop that was the envy of everyone. He built a boat, worked on his numerous cars, and fixed everything.

He retired a second time, buying a farm in Paul, Idaho where he had silos, a tractor, a huge barn and two acres to grow fruits, vegetables and flowers. He also was a gourmet cook, and canned fruits and jams which won prizes at the county fairs in Oregon. He was also an artist, and collected fine art.

When his health became and issue, he sadly gave up his farm, and moved to Salt Lake City to be closer to his girls and family. Years later he moved into the Utah State Nursing Home in Ogden. He loved being there with the fellows from the military, who he considered a part of his family. They all ate together, went on outings, argued about politics, and were genuinely saddened when one of them passed away. He wanted to thank his friends and staff there for their care and camaraderie.

As for his "girls", we just want to say what a good dad he was. He was always with us after the divorce, and finally moved us to Oregon to be with him when he went to work for Bonneville Power. He was very good to his grandchildren, spending time with each of them, giving them things they wanted, and giving them money too. There was never a time when he wasn\t in our lives, and we are thankful for that.

Oliver is survived by his daughters Catherine Waddill, Nancy Kendall, and their husbands Al Waddill, and Robert Kendall. He is survived by grandchildren Brian Gassner, Eli Waddill (Saebra), Erin Norton (Michael Creger), Elizabeth Lahey (Timothy), and Michael Kendall. Oliver's great grandchildren are Jacob Norton, Amelia Waddill, Cooper Lahey, and Lily Lahey.

Services will be heldFriday, September 23rd at Larkin Mortuary, 260 East South Temple, Salt Lake City, Utah. Viewing will be from10:45 to 11:45, with the funeral beginning atnoon. Oliver will be buried at Camp Williams, Utah Veterans Cemetery and Memorial Park on Monday September 26, 2016 at 12:30.