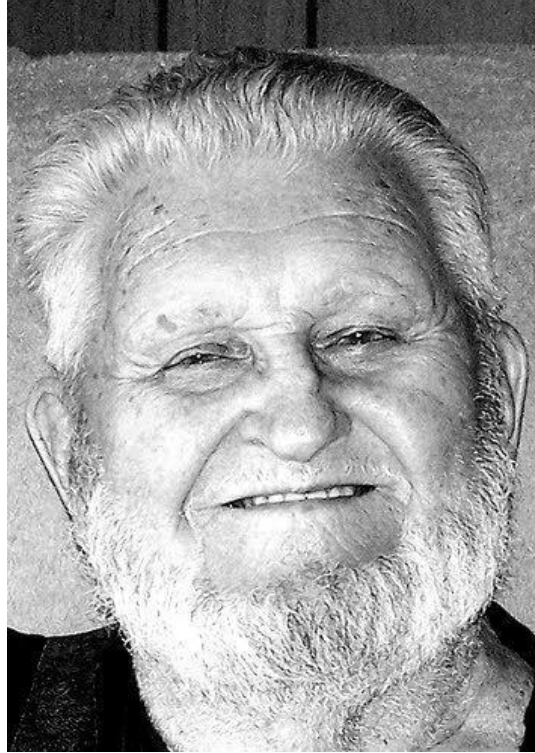


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Rolph Gunnar Olson

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Rolph Gunnar Olson passed away Tuesday, Nov. 18, 2014.

Rolph was born March 10, 1923, at Merced Falls, Calif., to Gunnar and Astrid Olson. The family moved to McCloud, Calif., in 1924. Rolph graduated from McCloud High School on June 6, 1941. He was then drafted into the U.S. Army in December 1942. Rolph served in the U.S. and South Pacific with the 1st America Division, 182nd Infantry Division in the Philippines and the occupation of Japan. He received the World War II Victory Medal, Philippines Liberation Ribbon, Bronze Star, Asian Pacific Medal and Expert Marksman Pin. He was honorably discharged at the rank of corporal in February 1946.

Rolph then returned to McCloud and went to work for the McCloud River Lumber Co. as a timber faller until 1965, when he moved to Elk City and went to work for H.J. Hartman Logging Co.

He married Alice Sorenson Haddon on Jan. 3, 1970. He then went to Alaska with George Hartman Logging and worked for nine months before returning to Elk City. He worked for the Forest Service for two years as a trail supervisor and then went back to logging as a timber faller until 1986. At this time he went to work for Bennett Lumber as a boilerman and later as a night watchman.

Rolph loved to hunt, fish and trap for bobcat and marten. Rolph was a longtime member of Veterans of Foreign Wars Post No. 8311 and the American Legion in Elk City. He was honored to receive a Quilt of Valor on Veterans Day 2012 from the Sew Help Me Quilters.

Rolph was preceded in death by his parents, Gunnar and Astrid Olson; and his wife, Alice Olson on Jan. 3, 2009.

He is survived by daughters Margaret (Rob) Robinson of Elk City, Barbara (Aca) Nash of Lapwai; grandchildren Ashley Wagenmann of Lewiston, Bryce Robinson of Elk City, Eric Wagenmann of Lewiston; great-granddaughters Amiya and Elyssa Wagenmann of Lewiston; cousins, Vivian (Lee) Kirkwood of Hope, Idaho, Carol (Pat) Younglove of Oakland, Calif.; sisters-in-law Mae (Omar) Owsley of Eagle, Idaho, Frances Severson of Twin Falls, Mary Young of Kenya; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Rolph's ashes, along with his wife Alice's, will be spread together at a later date.

A dinner will be held honoring the life and service of Rolph at 2 p.m. Dec. 6 at the Elk City VFW in Elk City. Trenary Funeral Home of Kooskia has been assisting the family.