



## William Smith

May 28, 1927 - November 26, 2014

William "Bill" Smith (age 87) of Cheney, Washington, passed away November 26, 2014 in Spokane. Bill was born May 28, 1927 to David and Eula (Douglas) Smith in Moore Haven, FL. After WWII started Bill lied about his age and enlisted in the Coast Guard in 1942 at age 15. The next three years were spent traveling the world and learning to be an electrician. He met Phoebe Pringle, his wife of 68 yrs, in Seattle and later followed her to Richland, WA where they married in 1946, and Bill went to work for Hanford. He also worked for the Navy in Vietnam and Singapore. He raised his family in Pasco. While in Pasco in the 1960's he played guitar and sang there as "Billy Weston" with his own band and TV show. In the 1980's he and his family settled in Cheney where Bill acquired and built apartments that he owned and managed for many years. He was a member of the Cheney VFW and helped work on the Cheney Veterans Memorial Park. He is survived by his four children: Bill Jr., Michael (Judy), Jewel Baccarella (Pete), Chad; 7 grandchildren, 12 great grandchildren and 3 great-great grandchildren; sister, Jewel Milligan. A memorial service will be held at Cheney Funeral Chapel on Friday, December 5, at 11:00 a.m. A reception will follow at his daughter's home, 1717 7th St. in Cheney, across from Centennial Park. Interment, Washington State Veterans Cemetery, Medical Lake, WA.

# Tribute Wall

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“ I only heard the news today from Phoebe. I'm still stunned and in deep sadness. I met Bill in August of 2012 when I viewed an apartment he had for rent. As a landlord he was always open, accessible and friendly with me. I never felt as I was bothering or imposing myself.

*His character, kindness and empathy will be missed.*

*My condolences to Phoebe and the family.*

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**Stephanie Sandlin** - December 15, 2014 at 07:26 PM