



Gene Ralph Allison

December 20, 1938 - March 13, 2011

Argene “Gene” Ralph Allison Argene “Gene” Ralph Allison was born the son of Ray and Jessie B. (Johnson) Allison on Tuesday, December 20, 1938 in Gayville, South Dakota. Gene moved with his family to Gresham in 1954 from South Dakota. He joined the Army at 17 and was stationed in Anchorage, Alaska where he became a sharp shooter and drill sergeant. He enjoyed the cross country skiing and rock climbing they did everyday. In 1962 he married Mary Lou Douglass. They moved to Tigard where they lived for 10 years and then moved to Sherwood in 1972. After getting out of the service, Gene went to work for Mayflower Farms where he won several trophies for his cheese and ice cream making skills. In 1977 he went to work for Teamsters Local Union # 305 as a Business Agent and later became Secretary-Treasurer and the President of the Teamsters Joint Council #37. Gene retired from the Teamsters in 1993, and enjoyed traveling with his wife, family and friends. He also enjoyed raising Christmas trees for 39 years. On Sunday, March 13, 2011 Gene Allison died at a local hospital when he was seventy-two years, two months and nineteen days of age. Surviving and left to honor his life are: His wife Mary Lou Allison; two sons, Dennis Spath of Sherwood, and Lee Davis of Oregon City; two daughters, Vicki Allison of Tualatin, and Diane Brown of Sherwood; three brothers, Clair Allison of San Diego, California, Robert Allison of Ridgefield, Washington, and Gary Allison of Gresham; his sister, Nancy Flesher of Gresham; seven grandchildren and three great-grandchildren and those who have come to know and appreciate him where

he has lived and worked. He was preceded in death by his parents, three brothers and one sister. His Funeral Service will be Thursday, March 17, 2011, at 10:00 AM in Sherwood Community Friends Church, with Pastor Ken Vanden Hoek officiating. A private committal service will be held at Willamette National Cemetery, Portland, Oregon with Military Honors. Arrangements are in the care of Attrell's Sherwood Funeral Chapel, a Golden Rule Funeral Home. Online condolences may be made at www.attrells.com Memorial contributions may be made to Sherwood Community Friends Church, c/o Attrell's Sherwood Funeral Chapel, 16195 S.W. First Street, Sherwood, Oregon 97140.