



MELVIN J. MERCK



MERCK, Melvin J. 1927-2007

A native Oregonian, Melvin J. Merck died Oct. 11, 2007, after a prolonged illness. Born Aug. 20, 1927, at St. Vincent's Hospital to Joseph and Agatha Merck, Mel lived most of his life in Portland. He graduated from Columbia Prep in 1944. After serving in the Navy Air Corps he graduated from the University of Portland in 1950 with a degree in business. In 1949, Mel married Dolores George. They shared their lives together in Portland, and Spokane. While in Spokane he was a member of the Spokane Club. He was also actively involved in the building of St. Stephen's Episcopal Church.

Mel's career spanned 33 years with Johnson-Lieber Food Brokerage, from which he retired as executive vice president in 1983. He was a board member of the Oregon Food Bank.

An avid golfer, Mel was a member of Manito Country Club in Spokane and Portland Golf Club. He also enjoyed fishing and working in his rose garden. But his greatest passion was his sons, daughter-in-law and grandchildren.

Mel is survived by his loving wife, Dolores; son, Robert, of Weston, Conn., and son, Timothy, daughter-in-law, Elizabeth, and grandchildren, Jonathan and Katherine of Spokane.

Private interment took place at Riverview Abbey Mausoleum. A memorial service will be held at 11 a.m. Monday, Oct. 22, 2007, at Christ Church, 1060 Chandler Road, Lake Oswego. A reception will immediately follow at the church.

The family suggests remembrances be sent in Mel's name to the American Diabetes Association, P.O. Box 11537, Alexandria, VA 22312. Donations may also be made at www.diabetes.org.
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