



John Tom Ponis

February 15, 2022 - April 20, 2022

John Tom Ponis, 95, of Soap Lake, Washington, passed away on Wednesday, April 20, 2022 at Providence Hospital in Centralia, WA.

John was born on February 15, 1927 in the Great Northern RR section house in Adrian, WA. To Trifon (Tom) Ponis and his wife Helen (Carlson) Ponis. The family moved to Olympia WA. area , then later to Edmonds, WA. His father died in 1943 when John was only 15. John quit school and went to work as a gas pump jockey to help support the family while his mother went to work at the Kirkland shipyard.

John joined the merchant marines when he turned 16. At the age of 17 he was drafted into the Army, serving as a sergeant of the M.P.S. in the Aleution Islands until the end of the war. John met and married June Nee Gemmer in Soap Lake in November 1947. The couple were married for 67 years. John retired from the Washington State Department of Agriculture. The couple enjoyed traveling for many years, eventually settling where it all began in Soap Lake. John and June had 7 children; Laura (Alex) Wright, Linda (Maurice) Olson, John Andrew (Mary Ann) Ponis, Anthony Bruce Ponis, Laveta (Jim) Arnold, Bryce Nathaniel (Glennett) Ponis, and Lana Lorraine Ponis. Also 16 grandchildren and 29 great grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his wife, June, his daughter Lana, his grandson Eric, and his brothers, Danny and William Ponis. He is survived by his sister Leona Hansen and half brother Philip Hill.

He was laid to rest beside his wife June at Valley View Memorial Park in Soap

Lake on April 30, 2022.

Please express your thoughts and memories for the family at www.nicolesfuneralhome.com. Nicoles Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.

Cemetery Details

Valley View Memorial Park

20174 Rd A N.E.
Soap Lake, WA 98851
(509) 754-4150
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Previous Events

Graveside

APR **30**. 11:00 AM (PT)

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Tribute Wall

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“ *Cenie Applint lit a candle in memory of John Tom Ponis*



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