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## OBITUARIES

### Robert Guy Garrett, 76

Robert Guy Garrett, 76, passed away April 2, 2003 in Bonners Ferry, Id. He was born at the family home Feb. 3, 1927 in Henry Clay Township, Somerfield, Penn. although the doctor that delivered him did not file his birth certificate until Feb. 12.

Bob's loving parents were L. Guy Garrett and Ruth Howard Garrett. He served his country in World War II as a U.S. Marine, surviving a Japanese attack in the Pacific theater. After the war, Bob received his undergraduate degree from West Virginia Wesleyan University and later, his Master's degree from the University of Florida.

Bob was an outstanding high school educator, coach and athletic director throughout his years, touching young lives in Sandpoint, Id.; Bonners Ferry, Id.; Albuquerque, N.M.; and Soap Lake, Wash.

He was involved for a few years with the U.S. Forest Service as well, stationed on a remote mountain lookout in the Selkirk Mountains. It was here he found a love for Northern Idaho and bought a cabin and some acreage on Mission Creek, north of Bonners Ferry. Bob would spend every summer away from teaching in Albuquerque and Soap Lake at this cabin. He retired from teaching in 1980, moving up to this property full time.

After two previous marriages, he met the love of life on one of his many travels. He married sweet Mei Leen (Belinda) Tan from Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia on Oct. 31, 1987. Bob loved to be a positive influence on the people around him. He always had a good sense of humor and it reflected in many of the things he enjoyed doing.

He was a part-time cartoonist in the 1960's, having his work published in many magazines including doing story illustrations for Western Outdoors and the Southern Angler and Hunter's Guide. His last cartooning had been in his later years, having work published in local newspapers. He also had a collection of his cartoons published in a book, The Best of Harley and Charlie.

He loved to hike into remote mountain lakes, fishing for cut-throat trout. He built some fishponds on his property as well, sharing his love of fishing with young kids from the community as well as the elderly from the nearby rest home. He was always a giving person, helping pay for many college tuitions and making donations to the church food bank. He also loved to give youngsters their first job, having them do many chores around his property.

Bob is preceded in death by his father and mother; his brother, Ens. Charles Howard Garrett; his older sister, Ruth Ann Kessler; and a grandson, Gannon Levi Garrett. Bob is survived by his wife, Belinda of Bonners Ferry; two sisters, Marjorie Faulkner and Mary G. Martin, both of Naples, Fla.; four children, Charles Howard Garrett of Bonners Ferry, Charlotte Ann Ball of Bellingham, Wash., Robert Guy Garrett, Jr. of Coquille, Ore. and Thomas Patrick Garrett of Moscow, Id.; eleven grandchildren and five great-grandchildren. Family members suggest all monetary donations on Bob's behalf go to the Mt. Hall Community Church Food Bank, P.O. Box 1402, Bonners Ferry, ID 83805. A Memorial Service celebrating Bob's life will be held at the Mt. Hall Community Church, State Hwy. 1, north of Bonners Ferry, on Saturday, May 10, 2003 at 10 a.m.