

Bonnors Ferry Herald Thursday, September 26, 2002

Williams, Robert Harry (Gabby)

Former Bonnors Ferry resident Robert Harry (Gabby) Williams, 79, passed away Sept. 14, 2002 in Medford, OR.

Gabby was born April 5, 1923 in Bonnors Ferry, ID to Robert Ernest and Francis Neumeyer Williams. He married Barbara Gray Dec. 31, 1971.

Gabby played professional baseball for nearly a decade after serving with the U.S. Navy in World War II. He played for teams in Wenatchee and Yakima, WA, as well as the Spokane Indians.

When he retired from professional baseball, the Lewiston Chamber of Commerce hosted Gabby Williams Night and awarded him the Distinguished Service Award and Man of the Year. The Nez Pierce Tribe named him honorary chief for his work with youngsters. He coached baseball at Wallace High School and finished his career as principal of Medford High School

He is survived by his devoted wife, Barbara, and five children; Robert, Patricia, Anne Marie, Janet and Brenda; his two younger brothers, Frank and Leonard, and a sister Bernice. A memorial service will be held in Medford Sept. 28, 2002.

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Wombacher, Ralph

Former resident Ralph Wombacher of Richland, WA, passed away July 24, 2002. He was born in Galitan Gateway, MT on July 21, 1923 to Ray and Blanche Wombacher during the family move to Boundary County from their homestead in eastern Montana.

His 12 years of schooling were completed when he graduated from Bonnors Ferry High School in 1941. Later he graduated from Northwestern Business College in Spokane. Ralph's WWII service was with the U.S. Army in Europe and the South Pacific, then "back home" at Ft. Lewis, WA. He retired as a Lt. Colonel from the Army Reserve in 1972. He worked 21 years for General Beer Distributing in Tacoma, WA, and then in 1969 purchased Inland Beer Distributors in Pasco, WA, retiring in 1988.

Survivors include his wife of 55 years, Marion of Richland, WA, his daughters-Susan Wombacher of Miami, FL, and Maureen (Gene) Young of Spokane WA; two sisters-Alice (Monte) Peters of Anaheim CA and Clara Pierce of Lynwood, WA, and numerous nieces and nephews. Ralph was preceded in death by his parents, Ray and Blanche Wombacher, sisters Helen Scott and Elaine Funkhouser. Memorial services were held July 29 in Pasco WA and graveside services on July 30 at Calvary Cemetery Cloisters in Tacoma, WA.

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