



## Elmer Harold Renken

May 24, 1921 - February 9, 2010

Obituary for a good man:

Elmer Harold Renken of Eugene, died February 9, 2010 of age-related causes. He was 88.

He was born May 24, 1921 in Stoddard, NE to William and Clara Renken. The ninth of ten children, his sister Alvina alone survives.

He married Norma Minnie Rubin of Tulsa, OK on August 19, 1944 in Visalia, CA, while taking fighter pilot training in the Army Air Corp. Norma passed away on May 1, 1983, just as they were about to retire.

He graduated from Alexandria (NE) High School in 1940 and spent a year at Oregon S. U.

First Lieutenant Renken served in the US Air Force Reserve.

He worked as a carpenter, aircraft instrument repair instructor, flight instructor, bill collector and aluminum roof salesman. He enjoyed many hobbies.

Then in 1951, Elmer began a 32 year career with Weyerhaeuser Co. He went from oiler to millwright foreman at Springfield, OR. Then moved to

Snoqualmie, WA and was chief of maintenance. He managed a mill in Lumby, BC and was general manager of Weyco-Philippines. He spent the last 11 years as plant engineer in Dierks, AR.

He is survived by a son; Harold Renken of Eugene and 3 daughters; Jacqueline Bolding of Emmett ID, Sherrie Barbeau of Dallas, TX and Barbara Mirk of Olympia, WA. He also has 7 grandchildren, 15 great-grandchildren and 2 great-great-grandchildren.

He died peacefully in his home in the place he loved and now enjoys greater peace with the Lord Jesus Christ.

Services will be at 1:00 p.m., Saturday, February 27, 2010, at St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Fairland, Oklahoma. Rev. Leo Schroeder will officiate. Burial will be in St. Paul's Lutheran Cemetery, Fairland, Okla.

Services are under the direction of Cooper-Althouse Funeral Home, Fairland, Okla. Online guestbook and condolences are available at [www.cooperalthousefuneralhome.com](http://www.cooperalthousefuneralhome.com).