

**MARTINEK, WILLIAM "Bill" Ray**

March 20, 1931 - May 1, 2007

(Age 76)

Bill is survived by his wife of 50 years, LaVonne and four children, John, Jim, David and Diane; and 11 grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his oldest daughter Kathy at the age of 24. He is also survived by his two sisters Carol Rittle and Donna Martinek, both live in South Dakota.

Bill served in the United States Army as a communication specialist for two years. He later came home to South Dakota where he married LaVonne. Bill and LaVonne settled in Spokane in 1956 to begin the journey of raising five children. He was known as a hard worker and dedicated Christian. During his dedication to family and the church, Bill was involved as a Royal Ranger leader; teaching the Christian beliefs to young men. During his retirement Bill looked forward to being a Santa Clause during the Christmas season.

Bill was also active in the local ham radio club with more than 25 years of service; his call sign was K7EFB.

A Memorial Service will be held at the Southridge Community Church, 2607 S. Ray on Saturday, May 5th at 10 am. The ceremony will be performed by Pastor Kent Mankins. Arrangement under the direction of Hazen & Jaeger Valley Funeral Home, Spokane Valley, WA.