



John Greenwald

John GREENWALD John Greenwald was born June 19, 1917 in Ashland, Wisconsin, and passed away peacefully on June 29, 2010. John joined the National Guard while a student at Roosevelt High School in Seattle. He served on weekends until he was called for Army active duty during WWII, while he was attending the University of Washington. John served in the Asian Theater. After four years of duty, John took advantage of the GI Bill, returning to Seattle and resuming his studies at the UW.

John met his wife Thea-Doris 'Teddy' Jacobson at a UW summer mixer in 1951. They married in 1956. John taught history at Edmonds High School for 22 years, until his retirement in 1975, when he joined his beloved Teddy in the travel industry. Given John's experiences, they felt it was a natural idea for John to join her. John's business card read: 'Tour Guide - Seattle and vicinity; Tour Escort - Round the World.' John and Teddy continued to conduct tours together, and indulge their love of travel, until John had nearly reached his 90th birthday. John and Teddy's tours were so popular, they did not have to advertise but instead issued periodic flyers with itinerary, departure dates, and costs of the next tour. They were always joined by available friends and their friends.

During their 56 years of marriage, John and Teddy spent their summers at their Chinese green waterfront cabin, at Bell's Beach, Whidbey Island. Their motto was 'Greenwalds live in green walls.' They were always treated as part of the Bell family, where love and friendship were constant. Of his many accomplishments, John was most proud of his Masonic Order memberships and his service in top offices of these organizations, including: 50 years in University Masonic Lodge; Eastern Star (Greenwood); Shrine and several other concordant bodies. He also took pride in his 40 year membership in the Rainier Investment Club. John's companionship with 'The Boys' was always a happy experience. On his behalf, Teddy thanks all of them by saying 'Gentlemen, you are the best.'

During the last few years, John was treated and cared for at Faerland Terrace. John was kept content and comfortable right up to the end by the Faerland Terrace staff. For this, Teddy is grateful and extends her heartfelt thanks. John particularly loved the 'sing alongs' - although bad on solos, he was great on attitude and volume! John was preceded in death by his father, John P. Greenwald Sr., who passed away shortly before John was born, his mother Helen Hill Greenwald, his older sister Emily Campbell, and his two brothers-in-law Burt C. Jacobson and Norman M. Jacobson. John is survived by his wife Teddy, his cousins Iva and Pete Hill of Sequim, his niece Susan Jacobson Carpenter of Woodinville, his nephews Gary Jacobson of Anacortes and Ross Jacobson of Bellevue, and lots of nieces and nephews of his extended family of 'The Bells of Bell's Beach.'

A celebration of John's life will be held at Exeter House, 720 Seneca St, Seattle, WA on Wednesday, July 14, 2010, from 2 pm - 4 pm.

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