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Mercer Island, WA

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E. Jaye THOMPSON Jaye Thompson of Mercer Island, WA passed away suddenly on February 9, 2009.

He was born in Minnesota on February 20, 1919 and moved to Seattle at 16 and attended Broadway High School. On May 22, 1944 Jaye married Florence the love of his life.

One month later Jaye was deployed to the Pacific Theatre where he was an Advance Scout with the U.S. Army Infantry. He received many honors and citations, one of which was the Presidential Citation to the 96th Infantry Division for extraordinary heroism in military operations against an armed enemy 1944-1945.

He returned to Florence and Seattle and became actively dedicated to organizations in which he believed. He served as Master of the Masonic Lodge for five one-year terms on Mercer Island and a member of the V.F.W. Post 5760. He had a keen awareness of community.

Occupational pursuits were Mechanical Engineering specializing in material handling and home remodeling. Jaye's brand of humor, great smile, loyal friendship and willingness to always lend a helping hand to friends and neighbors will be deeply missed.

A committal service with military honors will begin at 1:00 p.m. on Friday, February 20, 2009 at Tahoma National Cemetery, 18600 SE 240th Street, Kent, WA 98042-4868. A Celebration of Life will be held at 2:00 pm on Saturday, February 28, 2009 at the Fellowship Hall at Covenant Shores Retirement Community, 9150 N Mercer Way, Mercer Island, WA 98040.