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Charles Perkins Towne Sgt. Major (Ret.) Charles Towne, born February 13, 1921 in North Adams, MA, and passed away January 30, 2006 in Tacoma, WA. Charles was raised in Salem, OR and joined the Army in 1938. He was a P.O.W. for 3 1/2 years after being captured at Corregidor Island, Philippines, and also a survivor of the infamous Japanese Hell Ships. After the war, Charles settled in Tacoma and raised his family. He was preceded in death by his wife Irene, daughter Jacqueline, and wife Lauretta. Charles is survived by, daughter Janice Rogich, and son Kenneth (Barbara) Towne, 4 grandchildren Dan, Jon, Jody (Rob) and Charlene, 6 great-grandchildren, sister Jenny Letz, many nieces, nephews and friends, and very special friend Alvina Pero. Charles volunteered in the mid 60's as a Little League coach, and was also a Red Cross volunteer for many years at Madigan General Hospital. He was a great Salmon fisherman, and loved gardening, woodcrafts, going to church, going to meetings with his brotherhood, and helping others. Charles was a past Master of Masonic Clover Lodge of Tacoma, Most Excellent Grand High Priest of the Royal Arch Masons of Washington, Former Washington Commander of the American Ex-prisoners of War, and National Commander of the American Ex-prisoners of War from 1968 to 1969. During the mid 80's he was also appointed by Governor Gardner as head of the Veteran's Advisory Panel. He was the creator of the Former Prisoner of War vehicle license plates for the state of Washington. Viewing will be held from 1 to 9 PM on Saturday, February 4, 2006 at Mountain View Funeral Home. Funeral services will be held at 2:00 PM on Monday, February 6, 2006 in the Mountain View Valley Chapel. In lieu of flowers, donations in his honor may be made to the United Methodist Church of Puyallup, at 11304 136th St. E., Puyallup, WA 98374.



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Anonymous posted:

Chuck, You will be missed my friend. I will always cherish the wood turtles that you made me. The both are so very special - the one at my work (I can look at every day) and the one at our home - everyone can see when they come to visit. I am so glad to have met you in 1999 - you were a good friend to me and I will miss you cards and letters. You are with my son now in heaven and I can't wait to see you both some day. Thank you for being my friend and caring about me when I wore my shorts to our meetings. You made me smile and we both needed that then. My deepest sympathy to your family and friends. Love, Carol##imported-begin##Carol Olesen##imported-end##

March 13 at 6:00 PM



Anonymous posted:

Dear Mr. Towne, When dad was hospitalized at Madigan you were there to cheer him up and encourage him to get better. You know I never had a chance to really thank you for your support, your efforts and most of all your willingness to help others. Now that you are with my dad the memories of friendship continues. It was an honor to meet you. Thank you. Teresa~##imported-begin##Teresa Joy Yap Lintz##imported-end##

February 15 at 6:00 PM



Anonymous posted:

Charles Perkins Towne demonstrated bravery in the service of his country, devotion in love for his family, steadfastness in his friendships, and honor as a man and a Mason. It has been a privilege to know him.##imported-begin##John D. Keliher##imported-end##

February 5 at 6:00 PM



Anonymous posted:

A privilege to have met and had the honor to travel to the Philippines with Chuck and to hear his stories and experiences. What a wonderful person and a truly determined man. The history he shared and the passion with which he told it was inspirational. My thoughts and best wishes are with his family and friends.##imported-begin##Linda McDavitt##imported-end##

February 4 at 6:00 PM



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Anonymous posted:

We will miss you Chuck, but you will always be remembered as a good and loyal friend standing ready to support and help those in need of assistance. You will long be appreciated as having been a devoted member of the Tacoma Chapter of the American Ex-Prisoners of War. Goodbye old friend.##imported-begin##Maurice & Bonnie Sharp##imported-end##

February 4 at 6:00 PM



Anonymous posted:

I will miss your smile....thanks for being such a good friend to Alvina##imported-begin##Tracy Pero Mishko##imported-end##

February 2 at 6:00 PM



Anonymous posted:

Chuck was my best buddy ever since we were captured together on Corregidor in WW II . I will greatly miss our chats , shared meals and phone calls. My thoughts are with all Chucks' special and beloved friends and family.##imported-begin##Alfred L. Goudge USN Retired##imported-end##

February 1 at 6:00 PM



Anonymous posted:

We will miss Chuck. Our prayers are with the family in this time of sadness.##imported-begin##Louis E. & Moira Bartrand##imported-end##

February 1 at 6:00 PM



Anonymous posted:

Our love and condolences to the family. A wonderful friend will be missed greatly.##imported-begin##YoungHae & Reuben Linn##imported-end##

February 1 at 6:00 PM



Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Charles by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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