



Duane "Bill" William Kruger

October 14, 1927 - December 19, 2015

Duane "Bill" William Kruger of Toledo, OR died at his residence on December 19 at the age of 88. He was born in a boathouse on the Yaquina River near Toledo, OR on October 14, 1927 to Charles and Edith (Davenport) Kruger. Bill joined the Navy in May of 1945 and served in Japan, being discharged in July of 1946. From there he worked in Klamath Falls as a fireman on a locomotive for the Great Northern Railroad. He rejoined the Navy in December of 1950 and served for 3 more years on the USS Kidd as a Boiler Operator in the Korean and China arenas. Upon returning to civilian life he started driving log trucks, and spent most of his working life driving log trucks or long haul. He was injured in an accident and became disabled in 1979. He enjoyed hunting and fishing, and everyone enjoyed him telling stories of his many varied experiences. He was a proud life member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars and belonged to the Elks and American Legion.

Bill is survived by the mother of his children Patricia Parks Kruger, his son Doyle "Willy" Kruger, daughters Lana Nadine Kruger, Mari Elisa Davenport, and Vel Michelle Lopez (Mark), and his step-daughters Valerie Folsom Munson and Gloria Folsom, and nephews David, Rick, James, and Kevin Kruger. He had 14 grandchildren and 14 great grandchildren with two more on the way at the time of his death. He was preceded in death by his parents, his brother Delbert E. Kruger, and his nephew Bruce Kruger.

A memorial service will be held on February 6th, 2016 at the Eddyville Church in Eddyville, OR at 2 PM. All his friends and family are invited to attend. There

will be refreshments after the service. His ashes will be buried in the Eddyville Cemetery.