Harold Pinsch


He was born April 3, 1917, in Howard, S.D., to Leo and Sarah Pinsch. In 1934, his family moved to Minnesota, where he graduated from Pequot High School in 1935. In 1939, he worked on the Grand Coulee Dam.

He married Lois Lund of Pequot, Minn., in 1940. In 1943, they moved to Bremerton.

Mr. Pinsch worked at Puget Sound Naval Shipyards as a shipfitter. After the war, he and his wife moved to Port Angeles and worked in the logging business until 1950, when they returned to Bremerton and he again worked for PSNS.

From 1962 until his retirement in 1977, he worked in Code 135, non-destructive testing. In 1979, he formed his own company called NDT Assistance, and he taught NDT classes until selling his company in 1994. He also taught winter mountaineering at Olympic College.

He was a volunteer fire commissioner for District 19 and was a member of Olympic Mountain Rescue. He also was a member of the American Society of Non-destructive Testing and the American Welding Society. He volunteered at senior citizen centers, giving slide shows.

Survivors include his wife; two daughters, Joyce Magnusson of Enumclaw and Patricia Harrington of Bremerton; a brother, Richard of South Gate, Calif.; five sisters, Irene Myres of Pequot Lakes, Minn., Margaret Sarama of Apache Junction, Ariz., Rita Martin of Avon, Minn., and Mary Bertrand and Kathleen Pinsch of Bremerton; three grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by a grandson, James Harrington, a great-grandson, James Harrington Jr. and a sister, Alyce Tate.

Visitation took place Sept. 3 at Miller-Woodlawn Funeral Home. Funeral services followed. Memorial donations may be made to Make A Wish Foundation of Washington State, 107 Cherry St., Suite 305, Seattle, WA 98104 or to Christmas in April, c/o Kitsap Home Builders Association, 5251 Auto Center Way, Bremerton, WA 98312.