Robert Lennon McCammon, 93

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April 1, 1918 - Sept. 5, 2011

Robert L. McCAMMON was born in Rapelje, Mont., to Mary and Royal McCAMMON on April 1, 1918. His father passed away shortly after from the Spanish Influenza outbreak. His mother then married Michael LEINENWEBER who became his very loved father.

He served in the Army during World War II and was stationed in Northern Africa and parts of Europe.

After the war, he moved to Spokane to attend Gonzaga University but much preferred spending time at the Bolero Alleys where he met his future wife, Mary JARVIS. He married Mary on Sept. 21, 1950. Bob and Mary had four daughters.

Bob moved his family to Coeur d'Alene in 1959 where he owned and operated Lake City Lanes with his wife and longtime friend Bernie JAGARS from 1959 until it closed in 1991. He loved all sports and was a very accomplished shortstop in his youth, but bowling was his passion. He was recognized by his peers and was named to the Spokane Bowling Association Hall of Fame in 1979 and the Coeur d'Alene Bowling Association Hall of Fame in 1992. Bob made countless friends as a bowler and bowling proprietor and his priceless memories of the people and happenings at Lake City Lanes no doubt are what enabled him to live such a long and happy life.

He was a very supportive father. He coached his daughters and their friends not only in bowling but in softball and many still fondly remember and talk about "Daddy's" coaching methods (the crow hop, the pendulum swing, spare making, stay loose and timing is everything) and antics (too many to expound on). Bob was the father that could always be counted on to take his daughters and their friends to activities all over the state and beyond. He could also be counted on to be at every bowling event his daughters participated in and to start a friendly, but lively, argument in the lounge afterward.

Bob was preceded in death by his wife, Mary; brothers-in-law Jack and Mike JARVIS; and nephew Doug JARVIS.

He is survived by his four daughters, Maureen '70 (Jim) MANION, Cathy '71 McCAMMON (Gordy DICKS), Margo '74 (Max) FAULKNER and Kelly (Mike['76]) SAND; and grandchildren Michelle BOLLER, Carly FAULKNER, Kelsey FAULKNER, Scott FAULKNER, Laurie DICKS and Michael McCAMMON.

He is also survived by sisters-in-law Gail and Sue JARVIS, nephews Brad JARVIS and Eric (Mari) JARVIS, and niece Jackie (Dave) COLTON.

In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to: Jarvis Memorial Scholarship Fund, Walt Utt, Chairman, P.O. Box 18747, Spokane WA 99228-0747.

Viewing will be held from 9-11 a.m. Monday, Sept. 12, 2011, at English Funeral Chapel, Post Falls. A graveside service will follow at noon at Evergreen Cemetery in Post Falls.