



### Samuel Lee

*June 18, 1914 - April 09, 2012*

Sam died peacefully in his sleep at home. He grew up in Seattle and Berkeley, Calif. and moved to Portland after graduation from Stanford. A nationally ranked jr. player, he won the National Inter-Collegiate tennis doubles championship and continued his outstanding playing career at the local and national level. He was a member of the PNW Tennis Hall of Fame, as well as the Stanford Hall of Fame.

While attached to the British Army as a U.S. Signal Corps officer in WWII, he had extensive radar training and served in England for three years, followed by a year in France. He moved back to Portland after the war and returned to his pre-war job at Greybar Electric, going on to Portland Iron Works and Power Transmission Products before working for Bill Schmitt. He was President of Schmitt Forge for 20 years, during which time he also served for a few years as President of the Metal Trades Assn.

He was President of the Multnomah Club and of the Irvington Club. As Chairman of the Portland Tennis Ctr. Assn., along with a few other Portland tennis players, he was instrumental in starting the first public indoor tennis facility on the West Coast.

Active for years in handball, he played softball for the Multnomah Club, and played tournament squash and badminton at the state and West Coast levels.

He is survived by his wife of 62 years, June Mersereau; his daughters, Elizabeth Lee and Jane Lee; son, Hal Lee, and daughter-in-law, Susan Bishop; and four grandchildren: Rachael and Clay Knope and Sam and Rose Lee; plus four nieces and nephews.

He was known by all for his integrity, fair play, and sense of humor: a remarkable gentleman who will be missed by a whole lot of people.

A celebration of life will be held at the Multnomah Athletic Club on Tuesday, May 8, 2012, from 2 to 5 p.m.

Donations may be made to the charity of your choice.

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