

LCI (L)-514

Victor Howard Bagnall D.O.

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Dr. Bagnall, 94, who was a longtime resident of Wenatchee, where he raised his family and practiced medicine, passed away in Maple Valley, WA on January 27, 2010. He was the first born of E. Victor Bagnall and Madelyn Bagnall in Staten Island, NY, on May 16, 1915. He was preceded in death by his beloved wife of 49 years, Ruth Bagnall; his parents; and brother, David Bagnall, D.O. He is survived by his brother, Walter Bagnall of Seattle; sister, Shirley Johnson of Darrington, WA; son, Victor H. Bagnall II of Maple Valley, WA; and daughter, Carolyn Hensey of Bellevue, WA. He also leaves behind his four beloved grandsons; five great-grandchildren; and many nieces and nephews.

Victor earned his medical degree at an early age. With the threat of WWII, he put his medical practice on hold and joined the U.S. Marines with his two brothers as a buck private. Soon after, they discovered he was an Osteopathic Physician and he was transferred to the U.S. Navy. He was later given a line commission and became the Commanding Officer of USS (LCI) 514. He took his ship onto the beach in the first wave of Normandy, France in WWII, the first wave of the invasion of Southern France, and onto other major war fronts. Following the War, he returned to civilian life until the Korean War broke out, when he was recalled and served as Provost Marshal on Treasure Island in San Francisco. He later retired from the U.S. Navy Reserve as a Lt. Commander. He wrote and published two books on nutritional therapy and was a well known lecturer on the subject around the country. He practiced medicine for over 40 years, before retiring in Wenatchee in the mid 1980's, and later moving to Maple Valley, WA, to be near his children after retirement. Victor was a 1939 graduate of A. T. Still University - Kirksville College of Osteopathic Medicine in Kirksville, MO, and the University of Washington, where he earned multiple degrees and several academic honors in medicine, journalism and communications.

Victor and his loving wife Ruth's remains will be Interred with Military Honors at the Tahoma Veterans' Cemetery. A Memorial will be held at a future date. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Disabled American Veterans (DAV), in his name.