

Please run the following in the Wed and Sunday Herald with 2 photos:

Sam Peach

Sam Peach died April 26, 2005 at Mt. Baker Care Center in Bellingham, where he received exceptional care. He was born March 29, 1919, in Port Townsend, WA. In 1937 he began his college education at the University of Washington, majoring in chemical engineering. He rowed on the freshmen crew and was also on the U of W swim team. He was a member of the SAE Fraternity. His college career was interrupted by the 2nd World War. He was stationed in Paris and flew many solo missions as a P-38 pilot providing photo reconnaissance for the Allied Forces. From 1951 to 1952, during the Korean Conflict, he was stationed in Fairbanks Alaska before Alaska had attained statehood.

After WWII, Sam returned from service to attend the University of Washington Law School, graduating in 1947. After graduation, he clerked for the Washington State Supreme Court. For the next 52 years he maintained a solo law practice in Bellingham. He retired at the end of 2000. While practicing law, Sam formed an Air National Guard post in Bellingham where he served as the commander. He retired as a Colonel from the Air National Guard in 1979.

Sam is survived by his wife, Kate McMorris Peach, to whom he was married for 58-1/2 years. His children are Matthew, Andrew, Charles and Todd. His grandchildren are Kelly Peach, Sarah Peach, Nicholas Peach, Zachary Peach, Maggie Peach, Joseph Peach and Kathryn Peach. He has two step-grandchildren, Emilio and Marilena Kim.

Sam's interests included golfing at the Bellingham Country Club, watching & listening to Mariner baseball games, taking a swim in the lagoon below his house during the summer months, tending to his fruit trees and sweet peas, and watching his grandchildren participate in sports.

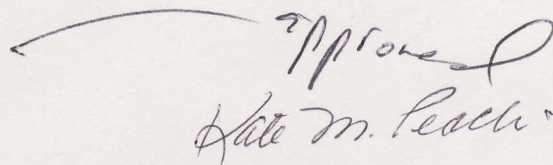
Sam loved the practice of law. He enjoyed describing himself as a "country lawyer," focusing on representing individuals rather than corporations. He was best known statewide for his expertise in

railroad right-of-way litigation. He argued the first civil case published by the newly created Washington State Court of Appeals in 1969. His opponent in that case, later made famous from Richard Nixon's Watergate, was John Ehrlichman.

Sam was widely known for his kindness, generosity and enthusiasm. He will be missed by all whose lives he touched.

You may view photos of Sam and share memories in the online guestbook at www.westfordfuneralhome.com.

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A handwritten signature in dark ink, reading "Steve M. Beach". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long, sweeping horizontal line extending to the left of the name.