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Longtime local resident Maurice W. Hooper, 90, of Longview passed away Oct. 14, 2016, at home surrounded by the love of his family.

He was born Feb. 24, 1926, in Tipton, Okla., to Ralph and Eula (Jackson) Hooper. Maury served in the Navy during World War II aboard the PT Boat RON 20 PT238.

In June of 1947 he married Ima Jo Gentry in Texas. They moved to the local area in 1948 from Oklahoma and Maury accepted a pipefitter position with Longview Fibre. He retired in 1988 as a supervisor.

Maury enjoyed fishing with his family in Texas and was a leader of Royal Ranger Troop #8, a volunteer for the Columbia Heights Fire Department, and past president of Save the PT Boat Inc. He had a passion for bringing a piece of WWII history to life for generations to come, while taking part in the restoration of PT Boat 658. Maury and Ima were a founding family of Columbia Heights Assembly of God. Maury loved Jesus and shared his faith often. He was a loving gentle man who befriended everyone he met. Maury will be greatly missed by all who loved him.

He is survived by his wife, Ima Jo Hooper at home; three children, Linda Courtney (Jack) of Longview, Debbie Simpson of Kelso and James Hooper (Cindy) of LaPine, Ore.; 10 grandchildren; 16 great-grandchildren; four great-great-grandchildren; and three siblings and their families.

Maury was preceded in death by two siblings, Norris Hooper and Macel Self; and two grandchildren, Jeanna Jackson and Daniel Johnson.

A memorial service is planned for 11 a.m. Saturday at Columbia Heights Assembly of God with Pastor Kent Doehne officiating. A reception will follow at the church.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Community Home Health & Hospice or Save the PT Boat, Inc., P.O. Box 13422, Portland, OR 97213.

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