

## Horace "Dale" Palmatier



### Passed Away February 25, 2011

Dale passed with his loving wife of 57 years Marilyn by his side.

Special accomplishments: Dale grew up in Port Edwards Wisconsin, where he graduated high school in 1942 and joined the US Navy that summer; Studied Naval architecture at the University of Michigan until the end of the war. Graduated from the University of Wisconsin in Electrical Engineering and later, from the UW law school. He worked as a patent attorney in Minneapolis, Minnesota until his retirement in 1995. Dale wrote the U.S. Patent application for the golf ball washer, and was pleased to have many of the golf ball washers in PebbleCreek. Dale lived in Victoria, Minnesota where he served on the Carver County Sheriff's Mounted Posse, rising to Captain. He also served on the Victoria school board, city council, mayor, and countless other activities. He also served on the regional Minnehaha Creek Watershed District Board for over 25 years. In his younger years, Dale was an avid horseman and could ride on trails from "sunup to sundown."

Having moved to PebbleCreek in 1995, Dale loved his retirement years spent here. He was passionate about oil painting and loved the classes at the clubhouse. Dale loved to sing as he sang in church choirs most of his life, and sang with the PebbleCreek Singers for several years. Dale practiced singing the music at home by playing CDs on his stereo. Dale loved to golf and made many friends on the golf course. He was also in the PebbleCreek recorders group and spent hours practicing in his home. Dale also enjoyed numerous social events such as pot lucks, and meeting friends for cards or dinner. Coming from Minnesota, Dale recognized the many cultural differences, but valued the diversity of the Community. He tried openly to "make others comfortable - not uncomfortable." In his spare time, he enjoyed listening to western music, and watching Lawrence Welk on Saturdays.

Dale is survived by his wife Marilyn, children James, Jane Garbi, Jill (Mike) Klehr, John (Susan), and five grandchildren: Amir, Jimmy, Katelyn, Alex, Joey and one great-granddaughter, Michelle.

Dale will also be missed by his Airdale dog, Tommy, who loved to go on long walks in PebbleCreek and ride in the golf cart.

Services for Dale will be held March 1, 2011 at 10:30 am, at the Church of Litchfield Park, 300 N. Old Litchfield Rd, in Litchfield Park.

Donations may be made in Dale's name to Hospice of the valley. <http://www.hov.org/donate.aspx>, or the following address:

Hospice of the Valley, Fund Development, 1510 E. Flower St., Phoenix, Arizona 85014

The Men's 9 Hole Golf Association wishes to extend their sincere condolences to Marilyn, Dale's family, and the many friends in our Community.