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RUPERT | Gerald Ross passed away on July 10, 2015 in Burley, Idaho. He was born in Rupert, Idaho where he grew up and graduated from high school. He worked on the local railroad and in his fathers electronics store before marrying Ruby A. Isenburg in 1939. He served in the Navy during World War II then used his G.I. bill to attend California Institute of Technology earning a Bachelors degree in Mechanical Engineering. He worked for several companies over the years in research and development designing such things as chains for chain saws, golf carts, and later special equipment for the food processing industry.

In 1974 he started his own tool and die machine shop when he and Ruby moved back to Milwaukie, Oregon for the third time. He loved fishing, camping and hunting. He was an avid gardener and was known as Blueberry Jerry to some of his neighbors. His favorite place was in his machine shop tinkering with something or fixing something for a friend.

After 60 years of marriage, Ruby died unexpectedly in 1999. He had kept in touch annually with Ruth A. Freeman and other Rupert High school classmates. They were both alone, fell in love, and were married in May of 2000. They lived alternately in Milwaukie, Oregon, and Rupert, Idaho until they eventually settled in Rupert. Their
favorite activity was to go to lunch daily at the Minidoka County Senior Center where Jerry served on the board of directors.

Jerry is survived by his wife Ruth, his daughter from his first marriage Catherine Francis of Oregon City, Oregon. His step children Jay Snapp (Sue) of Springville, Utah, Sheryl Riding (Ben) of West Jordan, Utah, Susan Hunsaker (Glenn) of Rupert, Idaho, his sister Bonnie Jean Baker (Bill) of Thayne, Wyoming, plus many nieces, nephews, grandchildren and great grandchildren.

Jerry was preceded in death by his first wife Ruby, his brother Jim Ross, and his sister Betty Sunseri.

A Memorial service will be held Saturday July 18, at 11 am at the Hansen Mortuary Chapel in Rupert, Idaho. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Minidoka County Senior Center.