My Great-Grandpa, Bud Lawrence Albert Rember, Jr.



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Lawrence Albert Rember, Junior, also known as Bud, was born in Boise, Idaho, on March 13th, 1924, to Lawrence Albert, Senior, and Garnet Rember. He had one sister, Jane. She could never say his name, Lawrence, so the nickname "Buddy" stuck, and that later changed to "Bud" as he grew older. He was raised in Hailey, Idaho and loved everything outdoors. He went to Hailey elementary school until 5th grade. His 5th grade year he spent most of the time in the hospital because he got an infection from a ruptured appendix that almost killed him. His dad was a butcher, and their family owned a butcher shop.

Bud joined the navy at the age of 18 in January, 1943, right after Pearl Harbor attack.

Heserved on the U.S.S. Hazard minesweeper during WWII. A minesweeper is a wood bottom boat that cleared out all the magnetic bombs (mines) for the larger ships to move through safely. This was a very scary boat to be assigned to. It took a brave man to be on the minesweeper. The U.S.S. Hazard is now on display in Omaha, Nebraska and can be toured as a national monument.

Bud slept on a three tier bunk bed; he was assigned the top bunk. It was very uncomfortable and hard to move. There was no room. In order to get more air he poked 3 holes in the air vent above his head with an ice pick. Those holes are still there today, and I will know what bed my great grandpa slept in. During the war Bud served as a cook on the U.S.S. Hazard. My grandpa still has all of his old navy recipes that were made to serve up to 400 people. I like to think this is where my love for cooking comes from.

After Bud left the Navy, he went home to Idaho where he worked as a manager for Union Pacific in their parks. In the winter, he worked in Sun Valley Ski Resort and in the summer he worked in Zion's and Grand Canyon National Parks. He met his wife Bernice while working in Zions National Park. They were married in 1954 in Las Vegas. They started their family in

Arizona where my grandpa was born and then moved back to Cedar City. They had 5 children and lived on Highland Drive. Bud ran Milt's Stage Stop up Cedar Canyon for two years. After that he managed a pizza place, was a chef at the Town and Country Inn, and owned and ran the Cedars Restaurant. He retired in 1990 and passed away in 1998 in Cedar City.

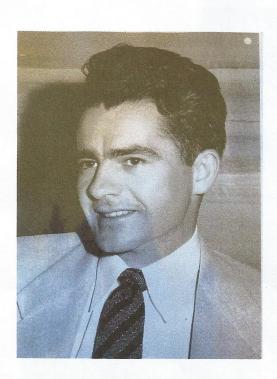
Bud was very funny, witty and wonderful at telling stories. All the grandkids loved to be around him and hear all the life stories he had to tell. Bud liked to take his family and explore the outdoors. They liked to fish, camp, hunt and go sledding up Cedar Mountain. My grandpa took his kids out and enjoyed the same kinds of fun he had with his father, my great-grandpa, Bud. Now my dad takes us up Cedar Mountain and does the same things.



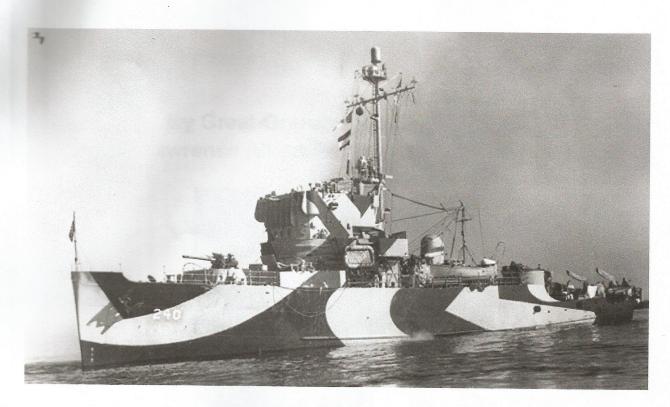
Bud, at 11 years old



Bud in his Navy Uniform



Bud at 22 years old



USS Hazard



USS Hazard, today, in "dry dock" in Omaha, Nebraska