

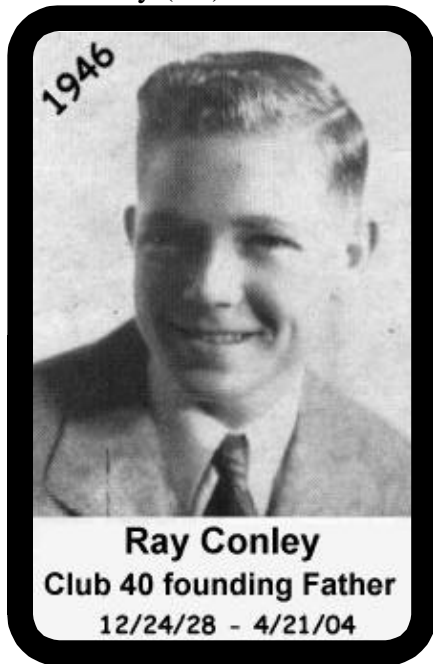
# THE BOMBER *DustStorm*

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## WE LOST TWO GOOD ONES THIS CLUB40 YEAR

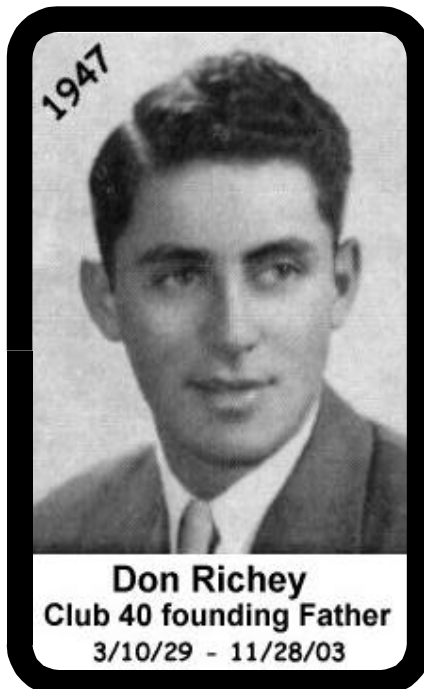
Richland Club 40 lost two of our Founding Fathers this year,  
Don Richey ('47) on 11/28/03 and Ray Conley ('46) on 4/21/04.



To appreciate the contributions to the Club by these two giants, one has to go back to our very beginnings. Dick McCoy ('45,'46) learned of a Lincoln High School (Seattle) Alumni Group, called Club 50, for Alumni who had had their 50th Reunions. He thought it was a great idea but Col-Hi did not have any 50th Reunion people at that time. This was in the year 1987 and the Class of 1947 was planning their 40th. Therefore, he proposed an Annual Reunion Club for Alumni who had had their 40th Reunions and worked with Founding Mother, Mary Triem Mowery ('47), to have the Inaugural Club 40 Event in conjunction with their 40th.

Dick served as the first Club President and Mary organized the First Reunion. Don and Ray enthusiastically embraced the Club concept and jumped in to do the "Grunt" work to establish the fledgling organization. This included getting Dick Quigley ('47), as Club Attorney, to file Articles of Incorporation and draft Club By-laws, obtaining Class Lists for compiling a computerized Database, setting up all the financial

records, assisting Mary in the first Reunion organizing, and doing the dozens of other tasks involved in starting the Club.



Thanks to the contributions of these two gentlemen, the Club has grown and is now strong enough to endure in spite of any individual person. But it is quite evident that the Club would never had made it past that first year without Don and Ray and to them, we are eternally grateful.

Now that they have gone up past the bend of the river ahead of us, they are finally free of the pain that both experienced for the last few years. Those of us who were fortunate to be touched by them, can revel in our memories and truly believe that our lives have been changed for the better by that association. I believe that Ray was prophetic when he chose the closing song for his own memorial Service, "Til We Meet Again."

So long, old Bomber Buddies. R.I.P.  
-Burt Pierard (59), President



## CRUISIN' THE REUNION

In the effort to provide interesting and different stuff to do at the Reunion, your Club 40 is offering a River Cruise this year.

The Cruise will be 3 - 1/2 hours long and will leave the Lee Blvd. Dock at 9:00 A.M., Saturday, Sept. 11th, returning in plenty of time for the '54 folks to get to their special celebration at the Community Center. The partially Club subsidized cost is \$40.00 per person and can be paid with your normal Registration Form

The itinerary will be upstream through the old Project area, around the Hanford Reach to about the 100-D site. Cameras and binoculars are not only allowed but recommended. You will be able to see the old Hanford High School, the historical buildings still standing at White Bluffs, and many other structures of historical interest, along with the natural beauty and attractiveness of the Columbia River habitat.

We have booked both available boats from the Outfitter, but the space is limited to 66 people total (44 on one boat and 22 on the other) so get your reservations in early. About 10 spots have already been reserved and, according to other reunion groups, the remaining space will go quickly.

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