

# AVIATION WALL OF HONOR



## **Lieutenant Royce Paul Lodholz**

Royce Paul Lodholz was born on June 5, 1924 in Munising, Michigan. In 1941, he graduated from Negaunee High School and shortly afterward enlisted in the Navy. His naval career blossomed as a pilot in the Navy Air Corps. Flying the TBF Avenger Torpedo Bomber, he was awarded the Navy Cross for a direct hit on a Japanese destroyer in the Battle of Leyte Gulf. Promotion to Lieutenant and being awarded the Air Medal followed.

In 1944, he married his high school sweetheart, Alyce R. Roberts. Following the war, he graduated from the University of Detroit with a B.S. in civil engineering. He and his wife Alyce settled in Michigan and began raising a family. In 1967, they moved to Duluth, Minnesota and in 1973 to Bellevue, Washington.

Royce was an avid golfer and enjoyed woodworking in his retirement and was an active member of the Bellevue Neighborhood Church for over 22 years. He died on August 29, 2002.

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