

# **Fred Yearian**

## **BMA's Oldest Member**

### **Passed Away August 3, 2007**



Fred Yearian, our oldest BMA Gold Card member, passed away August 3<sup>rd</sup> at the age of 102. He remained physically active and mentally alert all his life. On his 100<sup>th</sup> Birthday, he was honored by many organizations including the Southcenter Mall where he was a regular walking (exercise) customer. Tom Pranger (2004 BMA Gold Card President) had the pleasure of delivering greetings/gifts to Fred from Boeing Commercial Airplanes and the BMA GC Board.

Fred was born December 18, 1904 in Portland, OR and moved to Seattle in 1916. He started his career at Boeing as a riveter in 1925 and retired in 1969 as a manager in Quality Control. Fred was proud to share his first Boeing badge which was a medallion with his employee number on it (421), his eight anniversary pins, his Quality Control stamp, and numerous pictures from the 30's, 40's, 50's, & 60's. Fred was a second-generation Boeing employee. His first job was as a riveter on the DH1 (wood fuselage) making brass gas tanks. He also worked on the PB1, the P12, B314, and many other products from the 30's through the 60's that are now enshrined in the Museum of Flight.

He is survived by his son, Fred A Yearian who also worked at Boeing as an Electrical Engineer for 17 yrs. He was preceded in death by his parents, Abraham L. Yearian and Mary (McMillan) Yearian; his beloved wife of over 70 years, Louise (Ziebell) Yearian; and brother, William Yearian.