

In Memory of...

Maurice Wyman Barstad

November 19, 1922-February 24, 2013



Maurice Barstad, age 90 of Vernonia, OR passed on Sunday February 24, 2013 at The Grove Assisted Living Facility in Forest Grove. He was born in Edmonds, North Dakota and moved to Oregon at an early age with his parents. A decorated Navy veteran, he became a policeman in Portland and switched over to become a firefighter for the remainder of his career of service.

The passing of one man rarely shakes the world order, but this one man did leave the world better than he found it. Morrie's legacy was constructed of humility, generosity and simple acts of caring and loving. He was an uncomplicated and uncomplaining

man of prudence, integrity, courage, and fidelity. He was a throwback in as much as his word was his bond. That was evidenced by all his dealings, but particularly how he honored his wedding vows to Eleanor, his wife of sixty five years when she was incapacitated by Alzheimer's disease. He loved and cared for her with all the energy he could muster while his body was ravaged by cancer until he could no longer assist her in even the simplest of ways. The term "Stand-up Guy" has no better example than Morrie.

Morrie's family, whom he treasured and adored, was everything to him and to be welcomed into his greater family required only a courteous "hello." You didn't have to prove yourself to Morrie. He didn't judge people by the color of their skin or the cut of their clothes. He gave everyone the opportunity to communicate who they were by their actions. He regaled his family with stories of his immigrant grandparents and parents and the incredible hardships they endured simply to stay alive in the harsh winters on the plains of North Dakota and Alberta, Canada.

Eleanor has survived him and through the thick veil of her disease, still saw his deterioration and admonished him to "Eat better Papa" as his frailty

stole over him. He spent his last days in the same facility as his beloved Elly so he could be near her. He is survived by his son Terry of Aloha, OR., daughter Sharon Ferguson of Union, WA., step daughter Lois Jollie of Idaho, five grandchildren and six great-grandchildren, all of whom he cared deeply for. He will be greatly missed by them all.



Norbert H. Pelster



NORBERT H. PELSTER, 100, a longtime former resident of Vernonia, lately of Beaverton, died March 8, 2013 at Maryville Nursing Home.

A Funeral Mass was celebrated on Friday, March 15, 2013 at 10:30 A.M. at the Visitation Catholic Church, 4189 NW Visitation Road in Verboort, with Father Michael Vuky, celebrant. Recitation of the Holy Rosary preceded the Mass at 10:00 A.M. Burial Rites and Interment followed at the Mt. Olive Cemetery.

Family and friends were invited to attend a reception immediately following the Mass held in the Parish Hall of the church.

Norbert was born on April 9, 1912 in Raeville,

Nebraska to Albert Conrad and Louise Catherine (Hoelsing) Pelster. He attended Boone County Schools in Nebraska and later completed a Diesel Mechanics course. He worked on farms from Nebraska to Oregon in the 1930's.

He was united in marriage to Mary "Louise" Unger on October 7, 1940 at St. Mathew's Catholic Church in Hillsboro, then made their home in Vernonia. They raised nine children and also parented James, David and Mike Armstrong for ten years.

Norbert was employed by Oregon American Lumber Mill in Vernonia as a tractor operator and watchman until it closed in 1957. Norbert's hobby was tinkering with cars, trucks and tractors. He and Louise enjoyed pattern dance classes and dances at the senior centers. He religiously watched Lawrence Welk "champagne music" weekly. He was a long-standing member of St. Mary's Catholic Church in Vernonia.

Norbert and Louise's children are Raymond of Vernonia, Leo (Janice) of Cornelius, Theresa Carter (Ken) of Cornelius, Dolores Ashenberner (Sam) of Beaverton, Sr. Josephine SSMO of Beaverton, Catherine Maney (Pat) of The Dalles, Cecilia De Clerck (Greg) of Powell Butte, Agnes Abel of Gaston and the late Emil (Carol) of Vernonia. Norbert has two living sisters, Blanche Richmond of Kyle, Texas and Bernice Henninger of Sun City West, Arizona.

Norbert was preceded in death by his wife Louise on September 14, 2002 after celebrating almost 62 years of marriage; his son, Emil; his brothers, Art and Edwin; his sisters, Martha Euse and Alma Kiesling; and his grandson, Joseph Pelster.

He has 37 grandchildren, 56 great-grandchildren, one great-great-grandchild and numerous nieces, nephews and cousins.

The family suggests that contributions be sent to Sisters of St. Mary of Oregon Foundation, 4440 SW 148th Ave Beaverton, OR 97007 or St. Mary's Parish Religious Education Fund, 960 Missouri Ave. Vernonia, Oregon 97064.

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