

In Memory of...

Wilbur I. "Duke" Gortler



Wilbur I. "Duke" Gortler, 91, a resident of the Vernonia community, died Tuesday evening, July 30, 2013 at Empress Health and Rehabilitation in Hillsboro.

Private Cremation Rites have been held at Hoyt Crematory in Forest Grove. Private Interment will take place at Willamette National Cemetery, 11800 S.E. Mt. Scott Blvd. in Portland.

WILBUR IONE "DUKE" GORTLER was born on July 11, 1922, in Yankton, Oregon, the son of the late Henry and Paulina Pearl (Kister) Gortler. He was raised and received his education in the Yankton community, having attended Yankton School. Upon

his graduation he worked for the Civilian Conservation Corps from January 16, 1941 to June 18, 1941.

He joined the United States Army on October 1, 1942 in Portland, Oregon. He served for three years in the CO H 123rd Infantry until receiving his honorable discharge on December 23, 1945 at Fort Lewis, Washington at the rank of Private First Class.

Duke was united in marriage to Violet May Elton on July 18, 1942 in Vancouver, Washington. Following their marriage they made their home in the Vernonia community, where he has resided since.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Violet on March 23, 1992 after celebrating over forty nine years of marriage together.

Duke worked as a Logger for Oregon American Lumber Mill in Vernonia. He later worked as a Mechanic for Crown Zellerbach Lumber Company at the Pittsburg Junction, near Vernonia for many years until he retired.

Among his special interest, he enjoyed music, playing the accordion and attending dances at Pumpkin Ridge Grange Hall. He also liked splitting wood and had constructed a model train town, having spent many hours being the conductor for his train set.

Duke is also preceded in death by his parents, Henry and Paulina Pearl

Gortler, his three brothers, George Gortler, Richard Gortler and Jim Gortler and his two sisters, Gladys Herendee and Mildred Elton.

Survivors include his companion, Eleanor Thompson, of Vernonia, Oregon; his brother and sister-in-law, William and Roselyn Gortler, of Florence, Oregon and his sister, Evelyn Popejoy, of Gresham, Oregon.

Also surviving are numerous nieces, nephews and cousins.

The family suggests that remembrances may be contributions to the Vernonia Senior Center, 446 Bridge Street, Vernonia, Oregon 97064, or to the charity of one's choice, in his memory.

Tualatin Valley Funeral Alternatives in Hillsboro is in charge of the arrangements. 503-693-7965



Samuel James Davis

January 1, 1927 - August 5, 2013



Samuel James Davis, 86, a longtime resident of Vernonia, died August 5, 2013 at Brookside Assisted Living in Redmond, OR. Sam was born January 1, 1927 in Flat Rock, IL, a son of Bert and Carrie Davis. As a child he moved with his family to Birkenfeld and graduated from Vernonia High in 1946.

On February 2, 1947 he married his sweetheart, Hilder M. Sundquist. They enjoyed 59 years of marriage together.

Sam retired from Tektronix after 30 years of service. He loved spending quality time with his family and was very proud of each one. He enjoyed

camping, hunting, fishing and a good cup of coffee. We will miss his loving and compassionate spirit and dry sense of humor.

Survivors include 2 sons and 3 daughters in law; Rick and Elita Davis of Clatskanie, Duane and Lana Davis of Redmond and Carol Davis of McMinnville; eight grandchildren and several great grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his wife Hilder M Davis and a son Gary J Davis.

A private interment will be held at Vernonia Cemetery. Please sign our online guestbook at www.redmondmemorial.com.



Ralph L. Krieger



Ralph L. Krieger, 88, a resident of the Forest Grove community, died Thursday afternoon, July 25, 2013 at Tuality Community Hospital in Hillsboro.

A Celebration of Life Service was held on Sunday, August 4, 2013 at 12 Noon at the Fuiten, Rose & Hoyt Funeral Home, 2308 Pacific Avenue, in Forest Grove, with Reverend Richard E. Osburn, retired United Church of Christ Minister, officiating. A Flag Honor Presentation will be held under the auspices of the American Legion Washington Port #2 in Forest Grove.

Family and friends were invited to attend a reception immediately following the service to be held at the Krieger Family Home in Forest Grove.

Ralph Laverne Krieger was

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