

Author and centenarian signs copies of his book at Multnomah Village bank

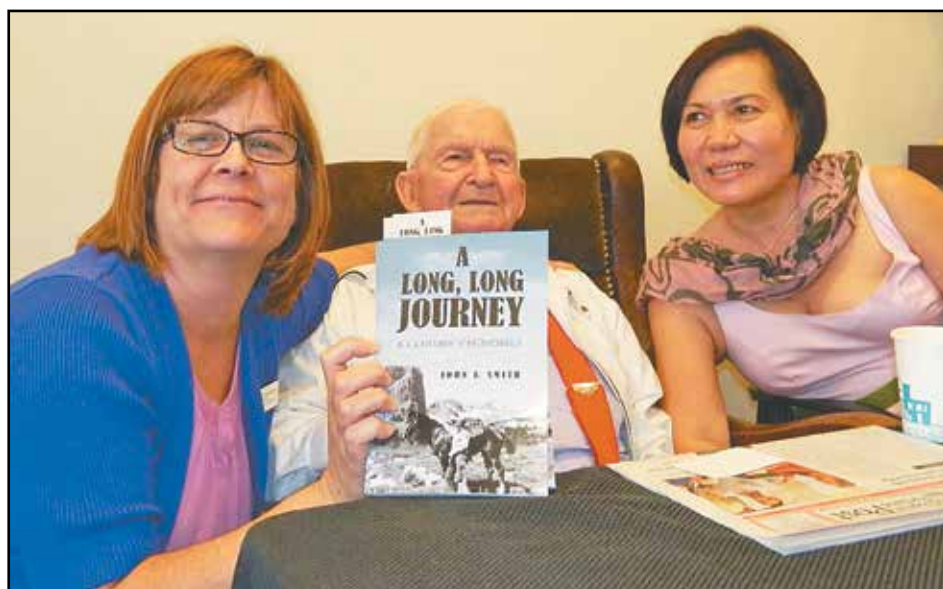
Friends, fans, and family gathered at Umpqua Bank at June's First Friday in Multnomah Village to get signed copies of John B. Smith's book, *The Long, Long Journey*, which Smith began writing at the age of 95. The memoir chronicles Smith's 40 year career with the Forest Service, 68 year marriage to his first wife, post retirement career of logging and tree farms, and marriage to his second wife, Grace, at 95.

At age 101½, Smith attributes his longevity to good old fashioned

hard work in the outdoors, lack of stress, strong family ties, and sharp mind.

Dapper in pressed clothing and suspenders, Smith's eyes twinkle and can recall story after story and addressing each grandchild and great-grand child by name.

Surrounded by his new Filipino family and supported wife, Smith sat in his uncle's 114-year-old rocking chair for two hours greeting guests at Umpqua Bank organized by store manager, Susan Schwemberger. — Erik Vidstrand



John B. Smith, who signed his book, *The Long, Long Journey* was on hand to meet and greet a long line of guests, friends, and family. Left is Susan Schwemberger. Right is his wife, Grace Smith. (Post photo by Erik Vidstrand)

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