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Henry "Hank" William Kimball

Dec. 3, 1940 - March 25, 2020

Henry "Hank" William Kimball, age 79, died Wednesday, March 25, 2020, at Salem Hospital surrounded by family, after a brief battle with cancer.

Hank was born to Arthur and Elizabeth Kimball on December 3, 1940, in Long Pine, Nebraska. At the age of two he and his family moved to Oregon. Hank's father was a logger and the family moved to multiple small towns throughout western Oregon, finally settling in Lafayette when Hank was 11. He learned from an early age what it was to work for a living. His first job was a large paper route and as a result of his hard work he won many trips from *The Oregonian* taking him to places such as Victoria and Calgary, Canada.

He worked on several farms throughout his youth, as well as for a janitorial service washing windows and waxing floors to pay for college. Even before he could drive, Hank started buying cars to fix up and sell to earn extra money. He kept every car he ever owned in perfect condition.

Hank attended Lafayette Grade School and Dayton High School, where he excelled in football, basketball, baseball and track. Rural life in Lafayette was conducive to quite a few shenanigans and fun with his siblings and

good friends, the Parr brothers.

After Hank's high school graduation, he attended Oregon College of Education (currently Western Oregon University). In 1962, he began working for U.S. Bank at the St. Paul branch, and later worked at West Salem, Ladd and Bush and then the U.S. Bank main branch in Portland.

Hank joined the United States Army

Reserve in 1964 and served in both the Army and Air Force Reserve for nine years. In 1968, he met Evonne Stanford, who also worked at the main branch of U.S. Bank in Portland. They fell in love and married in 1968. 1971 was a big year for the couple, as they gave birth to their first daughter, Michelle. Hank went to work for Pioneer Trust Bank and the couple relocated to Salem. In 1975, Hank and Evonne had their second daughter, Heather. Hank worked at Pioneer Trust Bank as a loan officer and bank manager until his retirement in 1995.

Hank valued community and community service. He was a charter member of the Salem Capitol Lions Club where he served for over 30 years, both as president and treasurer for several terms. He earned the Melvin Jones Fellow award in 2002-2003. He was an active member of Our Savior's Lutheran

Church serving on the board, committees, and anywhere God needed him.

Above all, Hank was a family man. He adored his children, grandchildren and extended family. He loved family vacations, camping, boating, playing cards, spending time at the cabin and helping anyone and everyone who needed it. Hank was a Master Gardener and is well known for working long hours in his beautiful yard. His integrity, determination and playful spirit will be sorely missed.

He leaves his beloved wife Evonne of 52 years; his son Daren Lucas (Patricia); his daughters Michelle Mhoon and Heather Bixel (Mark); grandchildren Kelsey and Brandon Lucas, Brayden Bixel, Ella, Andrew and Henry Mhoon; his best friend and brother, Jerry Kimball; his sisters Linda Strobehn (Rich) and Kathy Bennett (Jim); along with many nieces, nephews and friends. Hank was predeceased by his parents Arthur and Elizabeth Kimball, brother Richard Kimball and his sister Roberta Major (Ted).

A private entombment was held at Belcrest Memorial Park, Salem, on March 27. A memorial service will be held at Our Savior's Lutheran Church in Salem at a future date.

Donations may be made in Hank's honor to the Building Fund at Our Savior's Lutheran Church, a charity dear to his heart.



H. Kimball

Good deeds crop up while pandemic lingers

Keizerites have stepped up in all kinds of ways in response to the covid-19 pandemic.

LEFT: A family in west Keizer recently converted their Little Free Library into a Little Free Food Pantry for neighbors to exchange food items and for those in need to visit when they run short.



5 ventilators to Salem Health courtesy of MCFD#1

By MATT RAWLINGS
Of the Keizertimes

As the COVID-19 virus continues to spread through the Salem-Keizer area, Marion County Fire District #1 stepped up in a major way by donating all five of their ventilators to Salem Hospital.

"The strength of our community is not found in individuals or stand-alone organizations, but the way in which we all band together when challenges come our way. Thank you Marion County Fire District for being a partner we can always count on," said Leilani Slama, Salem Hospital's Vice President of Community Engagement.

MCFD#1 normally carries ventilators in their ambulances, but fire chief Kyle McMann felt that they were put to better use at Salem Hospital, especially with the number of patients they receive at the hospital that are dealing with COVID-19 symptoms.

"Ventilators are vital to the healthcare system to assist patients that are not able to breathe on their own or have difficulty breathing on their own due to medical conditions, including COVID-19 complications," McMann said.

"There is also concern that the number of ventilators available will not meet demand as the infection rate increases."

McMann says that the district can still operate effectively and efficiently and that the lack of ventilators won't have an impact.

"We are mindful of what our local system needs and we are able to use a bag valve mask ventilation delivery system when patients need us to breathe for them during a relatively short transport to the hospital (15-20 minutes)," McMann said. "But a ventilated patient in the hospital needs hours, days or weeks on a ventilator, so a mechanical means to ventilate is more critical in the hospital. Their need was greater and it does not reduce our services or level of care at all."

McMann also encourages people to practice social distancing to help slow the spread of COVID-19 and that MCFD#1 plans to continue to serve the community to the best of their ability.

"Stay home and stay safe, we are flattening the curve and MCFD#1 is prepared to respond to this crisis and have plans in place to provide all services during this time to the community," McMann said.

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