



Emery "Red" Bedea

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Emery "Red" Bedea passed away in Poulsbo, Washington, on Saturday, Jan. 9, 2016. Emery was born March 1, 1915, on his parents' farm near Almena, Kansas. His parents, Henry and Ella Bedea, had three sons: Finley, who died shortly after birth, Albert and Emery, the youngest. Emery grew up on the Almena farm, learning from a young age the merits of hard work and responsibility. During the Great Depression, Emery husked corn for neighboring farmers in order to save his own family's farm. In 1934, he and a boyhood friend headed west to Oregon with empty pockets in search of a new life.

Emery first arrived in Cottage Grove, and later the Coos Bay area, where he began a lengthy career in the lumber industry.

In 1939, Emery met Ruth Sherman. They wed on Oct. 7, 1939, in Reedsport. Emery and Ruth moved to Eugene where they had two daughters, Janet and Judith. Through hard work and perseverance, Emery rose rapidly through the ranks in the sawmill profession. Sawmill owners sought his oversight and judgment to operate their sawmills efficiently. In 1956, the family moved to Corvallis, where Emery was Superintendent of Larsen Lumber Company for several years.

Emery was active throughout his adult life in the Masonic and Elks fraternal organizations. Emery was the last surviving charter member of Mary's River Masonic Lodge 221, which he helped form in Corvallis in 1958. He served as Master of the Lodge in 1960 and again in 1994. He was honored with one of Masonry's highest levels of achievement in 1996, the Hiram Award, awarded for outstanding leadership and service.

Emery loved the Oregon outdoors. Throughout his life, he hunted, fished and took his family camping. In 1963, he gained notoriety when he bagged a record-book mule deer buck on one of his hunting trips to Harney County.

During their retirement years, Emery and Ruth enjoyed travelling throughout the United States and spending winters in Arizona. They also began playing duplicate bridge. In 2011, Emery received the Lifetime Achievement Award from the Linn, Benton and Lincoln County Retired Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP) for coordinating the Corvallis Senior Bridge group for more than a decade.

In 2014, Emery and Ruth moved to Poulsbo, Washington, to be nearer their daughter. Ruth preceded Emery in death that year, a few months short of their 75th wedding anniversary. Emery was also preceded in death by his parents and brothers.

Survivors include his daughters, Janet Wold and Judith Hassoun; grandsons Ali Hassoun and Tarek Hassoun; and four great-grandchildren, Brett, Will, Hayley and Hudson.

A graveside funeral service will be at 11 a.m. Monday, Jan. 18, at Oaklawn Memorial Park in Corvallis, with a reception gathering at McHenry Funeral Home to follow.

Events

JAN **Graveside Committal** 11:00AM

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Oak Lawn Memorial Park

2245 SW Whiteside Drive, Corvallis, OR, US, 97333

JAN **Reception** 11:45AM

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McHenry Funeral Home Chapel

206 NW 5th St., Corvallis, OR, US

Comments



“ A tribute video has been added.



McHenry Funeral Home - February 08, 2016 at 05:23 PM



“ As former Corvallis neighbors and long-time friends of Red & Ruth, all in the Arscott clan, from Portland to Las Vegas, want to express our sympathy & condolences to Janet & Judy at this sad time in their lives. Red was a willing pall bearer to all four of our parents many years ago. Our friendship extended into our retirement years even after we moved to a retirement community in Portland. They will be missed.
Love,
Betty & George

George H. Arscott - January 17, 2016 at 11:37 PM



“ Emery was one of my favorite lodge brothers who lived by "if you haven't got something good to say don't say anything at all" with the most amazing memory I have ever witnessed, his contribution to the lodge during degree work from my perspective can only be describes as amazing during my years in Corvallis. Based on my interaction with Emery I am sure every person he came in contact with will feel the same and he will be greatly missed.

Pat Neal

Pat Neal - January 16, 2016 at 09:32 PM



“ Mark Posler lit a candle in memory of Emery "Red" Bedea



Mark Posler - January 16, 2016 at 01:16 PM



“ Hello Jan,
It's Pat Crouch (Spees), your college apartment roommate at OSU. I live in Spokane and check into the GT from time to time. Condolences to your family for the loss of your dad. I remember us and my cousin taking our dads to a basketball (?) game on Dad's Weekend. Best wishes to you. Pat

Pat Crouch - January 15, 2016 at 08:33 AM