



Jacob Middleton Jr.

November 5, 1916 - October 21, 2016

Jack Middleton, of Corvallis, peacefully passed away Friday, Oct. 21, 15 days shy of his 100th birthday.

Born Nov. 5, 1916, in Astoria to Norwegian immigrants Jacob and Kristine, Jack grew up on Klaskanine Street in the family home hand-built by his father. He spent his youth playing with friends in the woods, bicycling and fishing. As a teenager, he had a paper route and played football. After graduating from Astoria High School, Jack worked at the Pillsbury Mill and Associated Oil Co. On April 7, 1940, he married Adele Kamara, also of Astoria. During World War II Jack served as quartermaster on the USS Carlson in the Navy's Pacific Fleet. In 1951, Jack and Adele moved their family to Corvallis to help establish Middleton Bros Sheet Metal. Jack was also a real estate agent and county assessor.

A long-time member of the Moose and Elks, Jack enjoyed league bowling and other lodge activities. His favorite pastime was golf, followed by puttering and inventing in his well-equipped workshop. During retirement, Jack and Adele were snowbirds, spending many winters in Hemet, California, making new friends, playing golf and card games, swimming and exploring. Well into his 90s, Jack enjoyed bicycling, reading and lively family debates. He will be remembered for his practical inventions, unwavering loyalty to home and hearth, and appreciation of a job well done.

Preceded in death by Adele, his wife of 69 years; Jack is survived by his children and grandchildren: Mary Roesen and daughters, Julie and Krissy; Jay Middleton and wife, Jan Keim; Vickie Bruner, husband, Ward, and son, Ian; Bob Middleton, wife Sue, and daughters, Kelsey and Robin.

Comments



“ Our father, Ed Raitanen, was a friend of Jack's. He too, was born (1916) and raised in Astoria, Oregon. I believe their nicknames for each other were "Rat Tail" and "Door Mouse." I don't know how they came up with those names!

Jack would stop by and visit Dad when your family had gatherings in Seaside. He was a real gentleman, such a nice man. I'm glad we had the opportunity to meet Jack. Dad had some wonderful friends.

Our condolences to your family.

Jody Raitanen Erickson

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