



Terence B. Elder

May 18, 1921 - October 27, 2018

Terence Bruce Elder was born in Portland, Oregon on May 18, 1921. Following graduation from Grant High School, Terry enrolled at Oregon State College. While studying Agriculture, he served as Student Manager of the OSC Track & Field team, Chapter President of his fraternity (Delta Upsilon), and as an enthusiastic member of the cheer squad. As happened for so many young students in the 1940's, World War II interrupted Terry's college career. His front line experiences as an Armored Reconnaissance Commander in Europe postponed his OSC graduation until June 1947. This is also when he committed to an "in-it-for-life" marriage with Mildred Louise McKenzie of Medford, Oregon. That promise lasted for seventy-one blissful years. Terry always credited Millie with making their home a very happy one. You only had to look at them together to know this was true.

Terry's long-planned aspiration of buying a homestead to farm did not materialize, so he explored other career opportunities. First, he took a position with the US Bureau of Reclamation (water and power services) in Klamath Falls, Oregon. Next, he tried his hand with the Hawaiian Sugar Planters Association on the island of Kauai, Hawaii. Finally: a career in banking spanning forty-one years. He began as an Agricultural Field Representative for First National Bank, assisting farmers and farm-related enterprises in the Mid-Willamette Valley. He spent time at the bank's Lebanon branch, then accepted a challenging "sink or swim" promotion to Branch Manager in Albany, and the real prize as Vice President and Manager of the Corvallis Branch. At each assignment, Terry became involved in community and social activities as well as fraternal organizations. Terry was awarded First Citizen of Corvallis, the Bank's Civic Leadership Award, the Oregon State University College of Agricultural Sciences Diamond Pioneer Award, and together with Millie, the OSU Alumni Association Leadership Award. Terry served as President of the OSU Alumni Association, President of the OSU Dad's Club, President of the Corvallis Chamber of Commerce and President of the Rotary Club of Corvallis.

Terry enjoyed being around all types of people, and especially enjoyed working with so many enthusiastic, dedicated community volunteers. He found contentment dancing to

music of the 1940's, alpine skiing, golfing, backpacking, woodworking, creating leaded glass art, US and world travel, writing his life story, people watching and constantly trying to satisfy his insatiable curiosity.

Surviving are his wife, Millie, son Jeff and wife Molly, daughter Lori and husband Greg, daughter Nancy and husband Harvey, grandchildren Adam Elder, Ashley Hope Elder, Allison Reese, Aaron Cody, Shannon Lusk and Emily Berkey, and great grandchildren Alexander and Nicholas Elder, Hudson Reese and baby Naomi Lusk.

Family was the very heart and soul of his active and fruitful life. Terry spent his time among us with honesty, dignity and absolutely no regrets. This was his mantra during his 97 years. The love and respect of his family was well earned and he will be sorely missed.

Cemetery

Willamette National Cemetery

Portland, OR,

Comments



“ I did not have the pleasure in knowing Terry, however I did know Millie as I did her hair for several years. I am sorry for your loss Millie. He lived a long and happy life.

Michelle Oglesbee - November 07, 2018 at 04:28 PM



“ One of my favorite memories of Terry was when I started going with Bob Tarrant and Terry got an old year book and got pictures of both Bob and I when we were in college and put them in a card and gave it to us--I still have it sitting on my desk-- How many people would think of doing something so special like that--not many--and a big thanks to Terry. Marolyn Tarrant

Marolyn Tarrant - November 01, 2018 at 06:53 PM



“ Very sorry to hear that Terry had passed. I remember him as a wonderful man and I know how loved he was by all. He will be missed.



Megan Tainer - November 01, 2018 at 08:16 AM



“ I was sad to see that Terry had passed. He was such a wonderful man and had a great sense of humor. I worked as his secretary while he was Manager at the car dealer center department in Albany for 3 years, back in the late 80's. He was a joy to work for, an incredible man. He was so proud of his family and Millie was the light of his world. He enjoyed showing off his beautiful Green Jaguar and he kept it in mint condition. Terry, you will be sorely missed.

Diane R - October 31, 2018 at 01:44 PM



“ I had the privilege of being the CMA for Terry and Mille starting with Dr,. Olcott. Terry and Millie were always my favorite patients. Terry always asked how my son was doing as he grew up. He and Millie are truly the best of the best. I was so happy to see he lived to 97. What a remarkable life. My condolences to the family and to Millie. Sincerely Sandy Kuhns



Sandy Kuhns - October 31, 2018 at 11:40 AM



“ I worked for Terry in the early '80s. What a wonderful person and a great bank manager. Wishing the best to his family. 97 years is quite and accomplishment.

Steve D Derrickson - October 31, 2018 at 10:57 AM



“ Terry was one of a kind, and one of the best of his kind. I will miss his wit, his questioning mind, and his friendship. His perpetual optimism was among the many positive traits he exhibited to all of those around him. Milly and his family will miss him and his many friends will miss him. May he rest in peace.

His friend:
Spencer A. Peterson

Spencer Peterson - October 30, 2018 at 11:14 AM