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Theodore Earl (Ted) Gump was born on March 19, 1923. He was the second son and the third child of Franklin Thomas Gump and Myrtle Belle (Carns) He was born in Portland, Oregon, where his father was serving as a patrolman for the Portland Police Department. Ted grew up in the Portland area graduating from Lincoln High School in Lake Oswego. Ted was a Boy Scout and became an Eagle Scout.

Ted was drafted in the Army in 1943 and served in WWII. After his service in WWII he was called up again and served in the Korean War.

In 1952 First Lieutenant Gump was awarded a Bronze Star with a Valor for heroism in ground combat.

Ted graduated from Oregon State College – now Oregon State University- in 1950 with a degree in logging engineering. He attended college on the GI Bill. During his college summer breaks, Ted worked as a fire lookout for the US Forest Service. After graduating from College, Ted took a job with the US Forest Services and worked there in various locations throughout the State of Oregon, ending his career in the 1981 at the Siuslaw National Forest in Corvallis as an Engineering Economist.

While working at the Forest Service in Corvallis, Ted attended classes at Oregon State University where he received a second degree in Economics in 1980. Meanwhile Ted continued serving in the Army Reserves where he ultimately attained the rank of Colonel.

In the early 1950's while working at the Forest Service, Ted met LaRea McMannis. After a 5 year courtship, she agreed to marry him on October 6, 1956. Ten years later, Ted and LaRea's only child, a daughter LeAnn, joined the family.

Ted had a wide variety of hobbies. He restored from piles of rust a 1923 Willys Knight and a 1923 Harley Davidson motorcycle with a 1925 side car. Ted loved cars and motorcycles.

He also worked for many years—alongside LaRea—on his genealogy. He and LaRea purchased a motor home after Ted retired from the Forest Service and the Army Reserves, and spent about 25 years travelling the world.

Ted also had interests in US history and had a pilot's license.

Ted was predeceased by his mother, his father, his siblings; Irene, Guy, and Verl, and in 2007 by his wife of over 50 years, LaRea. Ted is survived by his daughter LeAnn and her family, including his 5 great grandchildren. He is also survived by his nephew, Ron Gump of Gresham, the eldest son of Ted's elder brother, Guy, as well as three niece, Cathie Doyle, Leslie Baron, and Angie Thomas daughters of Ted's younger brother Verl.

Ted passed on March 18, 2018 one day prior to his 95th birthday.

Ted was buried with full military honors on March 27, 2018. He was interred next to his beloved wife, LeRea at Oak Lawn Memorial Park in Corvallis.

Theodore E. Gump, 94, died on Sunday, March 18, in Corvallis. A funeral service will be held at McHenry Funeral Home, 206 NW 5th St. Corvallis, on Tuesday, March 27th at 2:00 pm.

Cemetery

Events

Oak Lawn Memorial Park
2245 SW Whiteside Drive
Corvallis, OR, 97333

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Funeral Service 02:00PM

McHenry Funeral Home Chapel
206 NW 5th St., Corvallis, OR, US

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Graveside Committal 03:00PM

Oak Lawn Memorial Park
2245 SW Whiteside Drive, Corvallis, OR, US, 97333

Comments



“ Uncle Ted & Aunt LaRea were an important part of my 1950's-60s childhood. I will be forever grateful for their kindness & caring over the years.



suzanne coon - April 14, 2018 at 06:18 PM



“ Mr. and Mrs. Gump were neighbors of my family in Grants Pass they lived across the street on 10th. I babysat LeAnn when she was little. My mother Jeanette (95) and myself Darlene Walt-Aldinger send our sincere thoughts to LeAnn on the passing of her father.

Darlene Walt-Aldinger - April 03, 2018 at 06:18 PM



“ LeeAnn -
So sorry to hear of Ted's passing. He was always available to provide sound economic advice to anyone who asked on the Suislaw NF. My condolences to you and your family.

Monty Bell

Monty Bell - March 31, 2018 at 12:02 PM



“ Ted was a member of the South Willamette Valley Honor Flight family. He joined us on our May 2014 Flight. Ted will be missed.

Rest in Peace hero!

Ed Bock
Director South Willamette Valley Honor Flight

Ed Bock - March 30, 2018 at 03:27 PM



“ LeeAnn- I'm so sorry to hear of your dad's passing. Unfortunately, I had already made appointments all day tomorrow for my kids, or else I would be there for his memorial service. My kids have great memories of his Halloween shenanigans, and he always invited them in for more candy! I will also cherish fond memories of him when we were kids- he always had a quick smile, a wink, and that ever-present pack of Juicy Fruit gum in his pocket! And the rides in his old Ford, and in the sidecar of his motorcycle! So many wonderful memories- he was such a kind man!

Sandy(Horn) Ulam

Sandy Ulam - March 26, 2018 at 11:30 PM



“ Ted was a great guy with a good sense of humor. We always enjoyed our little chats with him whenever we were lucky enough to see him working in his yard, picking up his mail, etc. We will certainly miss him---
Marilyn and Frank Schoonover

Marilyn Schoonover - March 26, 2018 at 09:44 PM



“ Sad news indeed. I am new to CHAC. Ted was one of the first person I met at the Club meetings. He will be missed.

John Drzal

John Drzal - March 24, 2018 at 10:01 AM



“ Ted seemed to always have a strange but entertaining story or joke to share at the Corvallis car club meetings. We would many times groan at the punch line & he loved the reaction. He told me he always honked when he drove by my place on Tuesdays. That was his day to visit five Bi-Mart stores & check his lucky numbers. He never stopped in to visit but was invited multiple times. I finally got to see him drive by honking about a year ago. I actually heard him about 1/4 mile away before I saw him, leading a line of about six cars at 35 mph past my driveway. The honking continued until he was at least 1/4 mile beyond. Those following him had no idea they were part of an event. Tuesdays will be quieter & less fun now. I'll miss you Ted.

Martin Harding, Corvallis Historic Auto - March 23, 2018 at 11:09 PM



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DJ FREEMAN - March 23, 2018 at 09:13 PM



“ This is a message from the Corvallis historic Auto Club just to say hearts and thoughts are with you and yours. we just love Ted and he will be missed.

JANI Burton/ Corvallis historic Auto Clu - March 23, 2018 at 02:12 PM



“ Truly sorry to hear of Ted's passing. I am new to the Corvallis Historical Auto Club, and I didn't know Ted very well. However, his passing is a sad loss to all of his Corvallis Historical Auto Club fellow members. My condolences to all his family and friends. He will be missed at future car club events.

Cary Spediacci

Cary Spediacci - March 22, 2018 at 06:09 PM



“ I was so sorry to learn of Ted's passing. My condolences to his family. I am new to the Corvallis Historic Auto Club and was looking forward to getting to know Ted better.

-Pete Rocco, Albany, OR

peter rocco - March 22, 2018 at 02:27 AM



“ My most vivid memory of Ted was the endless debating he did with Lorne (Red) Hanna in the engineering section of the Siuslaw National Forest. At that time (1970's) we were located in the Ash Building on 2nd Street on the second floor. If one of them would take a side, we could be sure that the other one would take the other side. Ted was a font of knowledge with respect to the economics of timber haul on alternate haul routes.

Bob Young, Siuslaw NF Geotechnical Engineer 1973-1997

Bob Young - March 21, 2018 at 09:43 PM