



Alvah Hinton

April 11, 1918 - March 21, 2012

Born April 11, 1918, in Bellfountain to Ivan and Emma L. Coon Hinton, Alvah went through grade and high school at Bellfountain, graduating in 1936. He went to work for Wes Miller Lumber Co., now Hull-Oakes Lumber Co. They were logging with steam donkeys, and used a steam locomotive and railroad to haul the logs to the mill.

Alvah attended Oregon State College for one year, then went to work for Rex Clemens in 1940, retiring in 1980. He was in the Merchant Marine from 1944 to 1946 in the South Pacific. He and his brother, Lynn, showed the first 4-H sheep at the Benton County Fair in 1929 and 1930.

Alvah was a life member of the Moose Lodge, the Elks Lodge and the Oregon State Alumni Association, and a member of American Legion Post 11 and the American Merchant Marine Veterans Oregon Chapter.

Alvah married Louisa A. Peterson on Aug. 20, 1955, in Stevenson, Wash. She passed away Nov. 29, 1987. Alvah was also preceded in death by his brother, Lynn of Newberg; and a stepdaughter, Margaret Davis. He is survived by a nephew, Larry Hinton of Kirkland, Wash.; a step-niece, Rita Pedley of Marysville, Wash.; a step-grandson, Rodney Davis of Corvallis; several step-great-grandchildren; and one step-great-great-granddaughter.

A visitation is set for 2 to 4 p.m. Tuesday, March 27, at McHenry Funeral Home. A funeral service will take place at 10 a.m. Wednesday, March 28, at the funeral home, followed by a committal service at Twin Oaks Memorial Gardens.

Memorial donations in Alvah's name can be directed to Benton Hospice Service or the Benton County Historical Society in care of McHenry Funeral Home, 206 N.W. Fifth St., Corvallis, OR 97330.