



## Alvin Nicholson

April 14, 1918 - September 16, 2012

Alvin was born in Seattle, Wash., the son of Harry E. and Edith McKillip Nicholson, and was raised primarily in the Seaside/Astoria area.

After moving from Seaside to Astoria at the age of 12 and graduating from Astoria High School in 1937, Alvin married his long-time neighbor and high school sweetheart, Trinetta A. Gustafson, on Nov. 23, 1939.

Throughout high school and until World War II, Alvin worked for his father in the automobile business. Alvin joined Company L, 186th Infantry, Oregon National Guard, in 1934 and was mobilized with them into federal service on Sept. 16, 1940. After graduating from officer's candidate school, he was assigned to the 95th Infantry Division, where he served as headquarters company motor officer until his retirement from active duty in September 1944 as a 1st Lieutenant.

In June of 1946, Alvin moved to Corvallis with his wife; son Alvin Jr.; and daughter Judy. Their youngest child, Jerry, was born soon after. Alvin was employed as service manager at Arnsbarger Motors and Kerns Motors, and was shop foreman of Wilson Motors until his retirement in 1980.

Alvin enjoyed boating, and working on and restoring antique automobiles. Some of his greatest joys were helping friends with their projects.

He was a member and served as commodore of the Corvallis Aquathusiasts Boat Club; a member and served as president of the Corvallis Historical Auto Club; a member of the Early Ford V8 Club; a life member of Corvallis Elks Lodge No. 1413; a member of the Corvallis Retired Officers Club; and a

member and served as president of the 41st Sunset Division Association. Alvin is survived by his loving wife of 73 years, Trinette; their son, Alvin Jr. of Portland; their daughter, Judy and her husband, Gary Shoepe, of Portland; their son, Jerry and his wife, Tery, of Middleton, Idaho; sister, Lila Mae Ruddy of Eugene; five grandchildren; four nephews; two nieces; and five great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by two sisters, Cleone Manuel of Tokeland, Wash., and Nina Thorn of Portland.

Services are set for 1 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 22, at McHenry Funeral Home, with an open reception immediately following at the Corvallis Elks Lodge.

A graveside service will take place at 10:30 a.m. Monday, Sept. 24, at Willamette National Cemetery in Portland.