



Boyd L. Eagleson

April 15, 1922 - July 29, 2018

Boyd Lewis Eagleson completed his earthly journey on July 29, 2018 at his home in Eddyville.

Boyd was born, April 15, 1922 to Charles Wrightson Eagleson and Mary Alice Sawyer Eagleson . Boyd joined brothers Robert and John and sister Harriett on the homestead in Eddyville. Brother Ralph would join the family two years later.

Life was an adventure for Boyd from a very early age. He roamed the hills around the homestead with his dogs and was fearless. His dogs were his best friends in early life and they went everywhere with him. The white hairs of his mother's head were a testament to this young boys lively, adventures.

His sister Harriett was given the task of caring for Boyd and Ralph when their father died unexpectedly. Boyd's mother and his two older brothers continued to run the farm and as he grew older he joined them in the daily tasks of farm life.

Boyd graduated from Eddyville High School in 1940. He was the only male member in a class of four. At the Eddyville School Reunion in 2017 three of the original class members were in attendance. Boyd's athletic ability would bring offers to play semi and professional baseball. WWII would interrupted his athletic career.

Following graduation Boyd went to work for CD Johnson in Toledo. He raised Angora goats and played baseball. He owned one of the largest Angora herds in the Pacific Northwest. He would later bring home orphaned goat kids to his

children to raise. Boyd loved animals and was never far away from his beloved Australian Shepherds.

Boyd enlisted in the United States Navy following the bombing of Pearl Harbor. Boyd was assigned to the USS Cabot Air Craft Carrier as a tail gunner in a dive bomber. The ship was deployed to the Pacific. True to his adventuresome style his plane was shot down three times. Though he seldom spoke of this time in his life when interviewed about his naval service he stated, "It was a very difficult time of losing buddies and dear friends." He stated that, "all he could do was pray to be allowed to return home and for a swift end to the war.

Boyd married Wilma Lee Davis on January 6, 1945. They resided in Memphis for about a year prior to moving to Oregon following Boyd's honorary discharge. Their daughter Ann was born in Memphis in October 1945. Boyd brought his bride and infant daughter to Oregon in 1946, where he began working in the logging industry. Sons Robert William Eagleson and David Lewis Eagleson would join the family in 1947 and 1951. His family was complete or so he thought. Boyd and Wilma would go on to provide an alternative home for a nephew, Wilma's youngest brother and several young people who needed their loving guidance and a place to call home.

Boyd drove log truck, owned his own logging business and finally began cutting timber with his brother Ralph. A partnership that would last until their retirement. Employers included Rex Clemens, Willamette Industries and they finished their career with DTL Logging Inc. Boyd finally retired for the last time at the age of 75.

Boyd played American Legion, Semi-Pro and Professional Baseball in his youth. Boyd spent over 50 years coaching little league baseball and basketball. He was one of the founding members of the Toledo/Siletz/Eddyville Little League organization. First and second generation boys and girls benefited from his gentle, quiet manner and knowledge of the game.

Boyd and Wilma lost their son, Robert William in Vietnam in 1967.

The greatest joys in Boyd's life were his children, and grandchildren. He lived for time spent with his grandchildren, Laric, Wendy and Joleane Cook.

A total of eight great grandchildren would begin arriving in 1990. GG Pa saw that they each knew how to throw a baseball and hit it too.

In 1991 Boyd and Wilma lost their second son David. Again, Boyd refused to allow his grief and despair to detour him from who he was and what he was about.

Boyd and Wilma began welcoming 5th generation great, great grandchildren in 2007. Although he was 85 he found great joy in sharing his M & M candy dish with them.

Boyd loved to hunt deer and elk with his family and friends. A memorable trip to Alberta, Canada for a moose hunt was a highlight in his later years. Boyd's one constant in life has always been the New York Yankee's. Attending several Yankee's games over the years was a special treat.

Boyd served as a Director of the Pioneer Telephone Board for forty-four years. He also served on the Boards of the following organizations: Eddyville School Board; Eddyville Community Church Board; Eddyville Cemetery Committee, and was on the committee that organized and founded the Philomath Family Medicine.

Even as the evils of dementia clouded his memory, the visits from all of his family and friends was his greatest joy. While we his family are all saddened by his passing, we rejoice in the legacy he leaves behind. The Lord blessed us with a tremendous husband, father, grandfather, and friend.

Boyd is survived by his wife Wilma, daughter Ann and husband Larry Cook, Grandchildren: Laric Cook, Wendy Cook(Justus Seely), Joleane(James) Reichhuber.

Great Grandchildren: Laney, Spencer, Dillon (Clancey) and Trent (Jasper) Tuyls, Darcy Fields (Shad Lowther), Jazmine Johnson, Reiley & Presley Reichhuber.

Great, Great Grandchildren: Maverick Cook, Sage Girard, Aubrey Tuyls, Hank

and Baron Lowther.

Sister: Harriett Nordyke

Sister-In-Law: Erla Eagleson

Boyd is also survived by many nieces and nephews and special honorary son Don Reed and Family.

Boyd was preceded in death by: Father, Charles Eagleson, Stepfather, Frank Swanner, Mother, Mary Alice Swanner. Brothers, Robert, John and Ralph Eagleson. Brother-in-law - Frank Nordyke, Sister-in-law-Stella Eagleson. Son's Robert William Eagleson and David Lewis Eagleson.

A celebration of Boyd's life will be held at 2:00 PM on August 19, 2018, Eddyville Charter School, Boyd Eagleson Gym, Eddyville, Oregon. Special memories you would like to share can be sent to the family at 8532 Nashville Rd., Eddyville, OR 97343.

Boyd's love of sweets was notorious and a dessert buffet will be served following the service.

If you are so inclined donations to one of the following agencies would be appreciated; Eddyville Booster Club , Samaritan Pacific Hospice or Eddyville Community Church in care of McHenry Funeral Home, Corvallis, OR 97330.

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

AUG **19**. 2:00 PM.

Eddyville Charter School

Tribute Wall

GA

“ I met Boyd Eagleson on November 11, 2006 when I drove to Eddyville to visit the grave of his son Bobby. I had served with Bobby in Vietnam.

Boyd and Wilma are the nicest couple I have met I talked with both of them for a long time that day.

I have thought about Boyd ever since that day. I just found about his loss and am very sad for his loss.

Gary Ascher

Gary Ascher - December 23, 2018 at 01:59 AM

BF

I was a classmate of Bobby Eagleson. He was a sweet, mischievous, guy with a great sense of humour. I loved his whole family, and was greatly saddened by the news of his death in that awful war. I loved his folks and siblings. They were all force for good to all that have known them.

Beth (Nichols) Furry

Beth Furry - March 04, 2022 at 02:24 PM

JJ

“ When I was kid log buyer, I used to see Boyd and Ralph at the Burnt Woods Cafe when they were in having coffee and on their way home after an early git up and cutter's day putting down the old growth for Rex Clemens. They called me "Hippy John", and we had fun joshing back and forth. I was working for Timber Access, and from there to LaRo Lbr and eventually Ostrom Lbr in Pedee. Boyd and Ralph were the best set of cutters in that part of the country, and just fine, fine fellows. They advised me what to look for and do when we had big trees to cut, and I never heard them say a critical remark about anyone. Ralph sitting there smoking his pipe and the more garrulous Boyd joking, laughing, just enjoying being alive and well. They were friends, as was his son in law Larry. I smile when I see Boyd's name on the Eddyville Charter School sign. He was a mentor to a greenhorn kid, and it was appreciated ever since. Farewell and have an easy hike out of the unit.

"Hippy John" Thomas, Jr. Independence, OR

john thomas, jr - August 08, 2018 at 03:17 PM

AC

Thank you for your kind words John. Of course Larry remembers you and we are so thankful for Dad's life. Ann and Larry Cook

Ann Cook - August 16, 2018 at 10:43 PM

GB

“ *Boyd was a very good friend and role model. He showed up early, worked hard, and did his best make life better for those around him. I will miss that great smile and friendly greeting. We also all need to remember and appreciate his military service. He helped make sure that we are still free.*

Gary Blanchard

Gary Blanchard - August 06, 2018 at 10:44 AM

AC

Gary, my Dad considered you one of finest foresters he had ever known. He valued your council and loved to spend time talking to you about the big ones. He was a tremendous father and an even better grandfather. We will miss him terribly, but will carry on as he would want for the future little loggers. Larry and Ann

Ann Cook - August 16, 2018 at 10:43 PM

BT

“ Boyd was a friend of my parents Everette and Kay Dennis. Boyd and my Dad attended Eddyville High School together. I’ll always remember Boyd’s big smile and friendly manner. He also came and spoke at my Dad’s 85th birthday party in Newport informing us of our Dad being a track star who won a state medal for Eddyville High. They were also active together in the Eddyville high school reunions. Barb Dennis Thornburg

Barbara Dennis Thornburg - August 04, 2018 at 02:09 PM

AC

Barbara, Thank you for your comments. Dad and Everett had great times together over the years. Our families were blessed to have such wonderful Dads.

Ann Cook - August 16, 2018 at 10:44 PM

DH

“ Boyd has always been like a second dad. Every time I saw him he had a big hug for me and that smile was very special. Boyd will be greatly missed by everyone that knew him. My condolences go out to the family.

Diane Hauge - August 01, 2018 at 11:03 AM

AC

Thank you Diane. He will be missed but never forgotten by those of us who knew him. Ann

Ann Cook - August 16, 2018 at 10:44 PM

BG

“*Boyd coached my baseball team in Toledo for several years and he has always been in my thoughts anytime I see a baseball ballgame, be it live or on television. Without his support, I'm not certain I would have continued to play ball in college, but I did and those days are some of my fondest memories. My best to the family.*

Bob Gordon

Bob Gordon - July 31, 2018 at 03:16 PM

AC

Bob, Mom and I were so glad to hear from you. Dad spoke often of his boys from Toledo and how they blessed his life. He was a very special man and gave so much of himself to profit others. Thank you for your kinds words. Ann Cook

Ann Cook - August 16, 2018 at 10:44 PM