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Chester Ellsworth “Jack” Horner, 90, passed Saturday, June 27, 2015, at the Ami Care Foster Home.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Chester and Bernice Horner; sister Lureba Rinke; and his most loving wife of 60 years, Marilyn J. Young Horner.

He leaves his daughter, Cheryl L. Horner Bradstreet; sons Robert C. Horner and Richard D. Horner; twin brothers Charles and James Horner; and many close friends.

Born March 2, 1925, and raised in East Salem, Marion County, he enlisted at the young age of 18 and served in the U.S. Navy during World War II in the South Pacific. After returning home, he graduated from Walla Walla University in Washington with a Bachelors of Science in Biological Sciences. In 1954 he received his PhD in Plant Pathology from Oregon State University, joining the faculty as assistant professor in botany and plant pathology with responsibilities for both extension and research. From 1959 to 1968 he had a divided position between OSU and the USDA Agricultural Research Service. He then assumed a full-time position as leader for hops and mint, becoming research leader for the Field Crops Breeding and Production program and

leader for Corvallis ARS laboratory, until his retirement in 1980.

Dr. Horner is credited with development of the Cascade Hop, widely used both domestically and internationally for beer production. He was honored as an OSU Diamond Pioneer for Agricultural Career Achievement in 2000.

After retirement from OSU and the USDA, Dr. Horner worked as a consultant for the hops industry and a United Kingdom-based candy company overseeing mint quality.

An avid hunter and fly fisherman, Dr. Horner was a longtime member of the Izaak Walton League. He also enjoyed camping, hiking, snow and water skiing; along with playing bridge and pinochle with his colleagues from OSU.

In lieu of flowers, the family kindly requests that you send donations to the Izaak Walton League of America – Corvallis chapter, 1420 Northwest Worden Circle, Corvallis, OR 97330.

The family wishes to thank Benton Hospice Service, McHenry Funeral Home and the loving care provided by Ami Beer at Ami Care Foster Home. Ami is a true angel, caring for the elderly and providing the utmost respect to those in their later years.