



## Clarence Knoles

March 24, 1928 - November 22, 2012

Clarence Allen Knoles, 84, passed away peacefully on Thursday, Nov. 22, 2012, at his home, surrounded by his family.

Clarence was born on March 24, 1928, in Wallace, Neb. He married Dorothy Stroup on Jan. 8, 1948, and after many moves early in their married life they bought a home just outside of Albany where they raised their family. After living there for 49 years, they were looking forward to their 65th wedding anniversary.

Clarence enjoyed working many years at Mater Machine Works in Corvallis. Though self-taught as a machinist, Clarence was well known for his ability to fix anything. Family and friends always were amazed at what Clarence could create in his small workshop. Many commented on Clarence's willingness to help anyone who needed something repaired. In his later years, Clarence liked nothing better than sitting on his front porch "watching the world go by," as he said.

Clarence was a kind and generous soul who always was willing to lend a smile and a hand to all he met. He will be deeply missed by his family and friends.

Clarence is survived by his wife, Dorothy; his four children, Inez and husband Larry Downs, Rose and husband Tom Bohmker, Charles and wife Cheryl Knoles, and Char and husband Paul Workinger. Also surviving are his grandchildren, Jason Downs, Cassie and husband Dick Baker, Joshua and wife Sarah Bohmker, Timothy Bohmker and Megan Sullivan, Luke and wife

Sherry Workinger, Autumn and husband James Bashaw, David and wife Janelle Workinger, and Spring and husband Alan Dukatz; and great-grandchildren Cassidy Downs, Jessica Baker, Hannabal and Abbagail Bohmker, Cara Jo Bohmker, Riley Workinger and Neci Lin Bashaw.

Clarence was eagerly anticipating the birth of his eighth great-grandchild, Jaxon Bashaw, due in January 2013. Clarence was preceded in death by his first son, Clarence Eugene.

A memorial service will take place at 2 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 15. The location is the Western Star Grange on Tangent Drive off Peoria Road outside of Corvallis. For further directions, call the family at 541-753-3976 or 541-753-3026.