



## Dale E. Kirk

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Dale E. Kirk of Corvallis died January 24, 2018 in Salem at the age of 99. He was born in Payette, Idaho to Earl and Lillian (Kent) Kirk. He grew up on a farm near Payette and attended Payette schools. He was captain of his high school football team and graduated as class valedictorian. He attended Oregon State College, now Oregon State University, and graduated in Agricultural Engineering in 1942. Two years were spent on the faculty at Oregon State before entering the Navy in 1944 where he served two years as an Ordnance Officer at NAD Iona Island. After his release from the Navy in 1946, he continued his 40 year service of teaching and research with the Agricultural Engineering Department at Oregon State University. He developed and taught departmental courses in Instrumentation and Analysis, Energetics of Food Production and Engineering Fundamentals in Food Processing.

While on the Oregon State campus he was active on the Faculty Senate and the Admissions, Final Examinations and Traffic Committees. He also represented Oregon State University on the Oregon State System Interinstitutional Faculty Senate.

He was very active in his professional American Society of Agricultural

Engineers, which he joined in 1942. He served as the Pacific Northwest Region Chairman of the Society and on the National Board of Directors.

On April 6, 1939 he married Esther L. Lathrop in Corvallis, Oregon. They had five children who all attended Corvallis schools and went on to obtain college degrees. Mr. Kirk was active as a Cub Scout and Boy Scout leader and as a 4H leader. He was an active member of the First Congregational Church in Corvallis. He enjoyed outdoor activities including fishing and big game hunting and was active in the Izaak Walton League of America, a conservation society. After retirement from Oregon State University in 1982, he enjoyed volunteer work at the Children's Farm Home, delivering for the Meals on Wheels program and working with the local chapter of AARP. He took up bowling and enjoyed participating in the league he had formed.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Esther, his younger son, Marvin and his oldest daughter Janet Laird. He is survived by his son Stanley and daughters Carolyn Johnson and Joyce Jennings. He is also survived by seven grandchildren and eight great grandchildren.

Memorial services will be held at 1: 30 pm on Sunday March 4th, 2018 at the First Congregational Church in Corvallis.

Memorial suggestion: The Dale Kirk Endowment Fund in care of the OSU Foundation .850 SW 35th Street. Corvallis, OR 97333.

Please leave condolences for the family at [www.mchenryfuneralhome.com](http://www.mchenryfuneralhome.com)

# Previous Events

## Memorial Service

MAR 4. 1:30 PM (PT)

First Congregational Church of Christ  
4515 West Hills Rd  
Corvallis, OR 97330

# Tribute Wall

JS

“ I have many wonderful memories of Dale. Kind, thoughtful, talented. A great mentor and friend.

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**John Snelling** - March 03, 2018 at 11:03 PM

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“ Dale had the knowledge, aptitude, and experience in maintaining and repairing the many systems and mechanics as a longtime Trustee of 1st Congregational UCC Corvallis. I was able to gain some of his knowledge of the church since we were often there at night working on things that sometimes no one ever knew needed fixing. He was a humble and friendly person of faith who provided great and sometimes unseen service to the church and his community.

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**Brian Lee** - February 18, 2018 at 05:38 AM

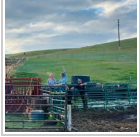
BK

“ For Food Science & Technology majors, a year of Engineering Fundamentals in Food Processing was the crucible we faced. Thank goodness we had professor Kirk to shepherd us through. His depth of subject knowledge, gift for instruction and commitment to class members carried many of us across the finish line. Thank you so much professor Kirk for your guidance and example.

*Bob Kipper, Class of 79*

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**Bob Kipper** - February 01, 2018 at 11:38 AM



“ Dear Stanley, Carolyn and Joyce,  
Your father was a great man and one of my favorite uncles. I could always count on a kind word from Uncle Dale and Aunty Esther. I admired him as a person and a professional. My thoughts are with you all.

Lisa Schmidt  
Conrad, Montana

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**Lisa Schmidt** - February 01, 2018 at 08:09 AM

JK

“ I bowled with Dale for several years. He was quiet and well liked by everyone. Dale touched a special place in my heart and I thought about him often wondering how he was doing. He will be missed. I am remembering his family in prayer.

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**Judy Hamblin Knox** - January 31, 2018 at 12:09 PM



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**McHenry Funeral Home** - January 26, 2018 at 07:03 PM