



David Ross Barclay

October 15, 1918 - April 21, 2016

David Ross Barclay died on April 21, 2016, at the Samaritan Evergreen Hospice in Albany.

He was born to Derritt Ross Barclay and Cora Blanche (Freeman) Barclay in Benton County on Oct. 15, 1918. He is the grandson of early Oregon pioneers James Eusibius and Mary Barclay who settled a donation land grant claim in 1850. His early years were spent on the family farm where he attended Central School 50 and then Monroe High School. In 1943, he graduated from Oregon State College with a degree in agriculture. Upon graduation, he married his lifelong companion, Dorothy Janice (Toland) Barclay. In 1943 the world was at war and he enlisted in the United States Army, was posted to San Antonio, Texas (where his first daughter was born) for flight school. Upon earning his pilots wings, he was posted to the European theater, serving in England, France and North Africa. At the end of the war, he returned to the family farm which he operated until his retirement, raising five children.

He was a parishioner of McFarland Methodist Church, and later, Monroe United Methodist Church. He enjoyed singing with the Corvallis Men's chorus and square dancing. Upon retirement he and Janice traveled extensively, spending winters in their RV in Arizona. He enjoyed tinkering on various projects, gardening, and all the other benefits (and responsibilities) of country living, residing on the family farm until his death. His passion for flying

followed him home from the Army Air Corps, and he spent the first years of his retirement building and then flying an airplane.

He is preceded in death by his parents, Ross and Blanche Barclay; and his twin sister, Beatrice Barclay.

He is survived by his wife Janice; children Cheryl Barclay, Derek Barclay and wife Mariyn, Jonathon Barclay and wife Delores, Dana Barclay and Scott Barclay; four grandchildren and numerous great-grandchildren.

A memorial service and celebration of life will be at 1 p.m. Sunday, May 1, at Monroe United Methodist Church, with private interment to follow.