



## David Kuenzli

February 18, 1927 - August 27, 2012

David Edward Kuenzli of Corvallis passed away Monday, Aug. 27, at Good Samaritan Regional Medical Center. He was 85.

David was born to Irvin and Esther Kuenzli on Feb. 18, 1927, in Springfield, Ohio. He graduated from Springfield High School in 1944. When he was 17, he joined the Merchant Marines and received a Bachelor of Science degree from the Academy in Kings Point, Md. He achieved the rank of 3rd Mate upon his honorable discharge in 1948. Dave also attended Ohio State University, was a member of Sigma Chi and played varsity tennis.

Dave spent most of his life in Burlingame, Calif., where he and his wife, Elrene, raised three children. He joined the Burlingame Fire Department in 1950, was promoted to captain in 1958, and retired as assistant chief of the department in 1980.

Dave always was proud to be a fireman, but his real passion was tennis. He picked up the sport as a youngster in Ohio and played well into his 80s. He held national rankings in both singles and doubles. He was a longtime member of the Peninsula Tennis Club in Burlingame, and of Tennis West in Corvallis.

Dave and Elrene moved to Corvallis in 1991. Dave spent much of his retirement fishing the lakes and rivers of Oregon with his family and friends.

He was a member of American Legion Post 51 and of the Elks Lodge.

He was preceded in death by wife, Elrene, and brother, Albert Kuenzli.

He is survived by wife, Elsie, whom he married in 2008; children, Bonnie

Snodgrass (Kirk), Jim Kuenzli (Judy) and Kathryn Lowrie; and grandchildren, Aimee Klarich, Leslie Fernandez, Evan, Kasey and Tom Kuenzli, and Ryan, Lindsey and Scott Lowrie. He is also lovingly remembered by Elsie's children, Tracey and Vern, and her grandchildren.

A celebration of life will take place at 2 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 15, at McHenry Funeral Home Chapel.

# Tribute Wall



“ *Jim, Judy and family and Elsie and family, you are all in our thoughts and prayers, I will miss Daves jokes and his sense of humor. God Bless Jackie and family.*

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