



Dean Almgren

July 14, 1919 - February 19, 2011

Dean Almgren, a longtime Corvallis resident, died Feb. 19, 2011.

Mr. Almgren was born July 14, 1919, in Kewanee, Ill., to David and Louise Almgren. He lived in Illinois and Iowa, and came to Oregon in 1926. He attended Benton County schools, and graduated from Oregon State College in 1941 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in fish and wildlife.

Following college, Dean served in the U.S. Army as a Second Lieutenant in the Artillery, and then in the Army Air Corps/Signal Corps in Okinawa. After four and a half years' service in the military, he returned to Corvallis in 1946, where he engaged in carpentry work until 1973, when he went to work for First Presbyterian Church in Corvallis as superintendent of buildings and grounds. He retired from First Presbyterian in 1985.

Dean Almgren and Helen Thutt were married on Sept. 19, 1948, in Albany. She preceded him in death in March 1982.

Mr. Almgren was a member and an elder of First Presbyterian Church. He was a member of the United Brotherhood of Carpenters and Joiners of America, Local No. 1094, and was president for many years.

He was active on the Board of Directors of Open Door Inc., and Bonney Enterprises, organizations for handicapped workers. Dean was on the United Way Board of Directors, and worked with the camp improvement committee for Whispering Winds Girl Scout Camp in Kings Valley.

Survivors include a son, Jeffrey Almgren (Jeanyce) of Seattle, Wash.; a son, Timothy Almgren of Corvallis; and two grandchildren, Jennifer Almgren

(Seattle) and Christopher Almgren (Seattle). He is also survived by a brother, Jack Almgren of Portland. In addition to his wife, Helen, Mr. Almgren was preceded in death by a sister, Mildred Holt, and a brother, Ross Almgren. Dean died peacefully at home, with care provided by family at the bedside. Special thanks to Tim Almgren and Benton Hospice Service, who made it possible for Dean to remain at home. The family gratefully thanks Linda Smith, Mary Landis and the entire Hospice team for their skilled hands and warm hearts.

A memorial service will take place at 1 p.m. Saturday, March 12, at First Presbyterian Church, 114 S.W. Eighth St., Corvallis. In lieu of flowers, contributions can be made to First Presbyterian.

“Well done, good and faithful servant!”