



## E. Batalgia

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“The light went out for our funny, loving Dad and Grandpa early Friday after spending a beautiful Thanksgiving Day with his family.” He was found sleeping in his favorite chair.

Dale was born, the first child, to Luella Mae Seeley Batalgia and George Batalgia on Jan. 5, 1922, in Sherwood. The family later bought a dairy farm between Gaston and Forest Grove, where he and his brother, Bus, and sister, Bernice, were raised.

He joined the Navy in World War II and was proud of his service on the USS Laurens APA 153. After his discharge he bought a logging truck. This was the beginning of a long logging history.

Dale’s first marriage failed after the birth of two daughters, Beverly and Carol. In 1950 he met and married Alice Flett. He and Alice raised her two children, Larry and Mary Lou, and Dale’s daughter Carol. At this time he was hauling logs for Murphey Logging Co. based in Grand Ronde. When the company closed, Dale and Alice moved to Coos Bay, where Dale drove truck for newly formed Coos Trucking. Dale received many “Safe Driving” awards over the years. He was very proud at his retirement to be given an award for his unblemished driving record after logging 1.5 million miles.

In 1991 they moved to Halsey and in 2000 to Corvallis to be near their daughter’s family. Dale was a witty, fun-loving man with a unique sense of humor, who befriended everyone he met. He found something good in

everyone, remembered all of their names and could tell you a story about each one. "He was our champion during Mom's long illness. All of his kids loved him and hold him in our hearts."

Dale is survived by his brother, Bus of Forest Grove, and Bus' four children; daughters Carol Bowen of Portland and Mary Lou Magers and husband Howard of Corvallis; grandchildren Jay and Kim Magers of Corvallis, Stacy and Johnna Magers of Philomath, Tracie Dodds and Randy of Plain City, Ohio, and Jeff Magers of Austin, Texas; five great-grandchildren; and two great-great-grandchildren.

Dale was preceded in death by his wife, Alice; son Larry Flett; daughter Beverly King; sister Bernice Hartman; and grandson Christopher Magers. Alice passed away on Sept. 10, shortly after celebrating their 57th wedding anniversary.

If you wish to make a memorial donation in Dale's name, the family suggests Benton Hospice Service. Dale was very grateful for the care they gave Alice during her illness.