



Edward Wesley Hiler

January 21, 1924 - April 16, 2013

Edward Wesley Hiler, “Wes” to his family and friends, made his transition to a new life on April 16 at the emergency room of Good Samaritan Regional Medical Center in Corvallis.

After many years in California, he moved to Sweet Home in the 1980s, and his last 10 years were spent living in Corvallis. He was born on Jan. 21, 1924, to Lewis Edward Hiler and Hildegarde (Fritzsche) Hiler in New Rochelle, N.Y., and spent most of his childhood in northern New Jersey, where he studied at Ridgewood Country Day School and Ridgewood High School.

He is survived by his loving wife of 36 years, Anne; as well as his children, David Hiler of Geneva, Switzerland, Katherine Harriet Jenkins of New York City and Caroline Elizabeth Allen of Ojai, Calif.

His children gave him four grandchildren, Nils Alec Rusillon and Virginie H el ene Rusillon of Geneva, and Jack Allen Jenkins and Jessie Charles Jenkins of New York City. He also has a great-grandson, Evan Seitenfus of Geneva, the child of Nils Rusillon and Laetitia Seitenfus.

He had one elder brother, Elbert Lewis Hiler. He leaves nieces Lynn ette Elizabeth Kivitt of Sweet Home, Sylvia Louise Wh elch el of Maui, and a nephew, Lawr enc e Elbert Hiler of Oregon.

Wes served as a U.S. Navy Corpsman during World War II, after which he completed his education at Princeton University in 1949, graduating Summa Cum Laude. He earned a doctorate in psychology at the University of Michigan in 1954.

He was a dedicated psychotherapist and worked several years in prisons and mental hospitals, including Nevada State Penitentiary and California Correctional Medical Facility in Vacaville. He also was employed at several institutes of higher learning; he was a professor at University of Nevada in Reno; Chapman College in Anaheim, Calif.; Clarkson College in Potsdam, N.Y.; and Lone Mountain College in San Francisco.

His last job was teaching English at the Ivan Vasov Language School in the Rhodope Mountain town of Smolyan, Bulgaria.

A memorial service will take place in July. Those wishing to make a contribution toward a memorial bench can get details from Anne Hiler.