



Elden Kinion

September 27, 1917 - April 4, 2010

Elden "Red" L. Kinion passed away peacefully at his home in Corvallis on Easter Sunday. He was born September 27, 1917 in Waldron Arkansas to Lonan Kinion and Ethel (Newman) Kinion. Red met Edith Lawson while living in Waldron and they married in 1936. He worked in the oil fields in Oklahoma until moving in 1938 to the West Coast settling in South Beach (Newport) Oregon. There he worked in the local fishing and crabbing industry. They moved to Vancouver, WA in 1942 and worked at the Kaiser Shipyards. In 1946 they moved to Turner, OR where he began a career as a Lumber Grader in the timber industry.

In 1954 they moved to Corvallis, OR where he continued his career at Rex Clemons Lumber until 1971. After the closure of Clemons Lumber, he worked 8 years at Fort Hill Lumber Co. in Willamina until his retirement in 1979. He was preceded in death by his wife Edith in 1991; his brother Clarence Kinion and his sister Maudie Mitchell. He married Lela Razer on October 23, 1993. Elden is survived by his wife Lela, children Arthur Neal Kinion of Corvallis, Rodney Dale Kinion of Albany, Lajane Dyer of Albany, Brenda Thompson of Silverton, Daniel Lee Kinion of Vancouver, WA.; sisters Mazel Lindsey of Gresham, Nora Johns of Stayton, Vernice Moug of Roseburg; grandsons Jeff Roebuck of Albany, Kelley Dyer of Albany, Chris Zimmerman of Lake Oswego, step grandsons Keith and Tim Dyer of Albany, James Razor of Corvallis, Terry Bollinger of Corvallis; granddaughters Ranell Robinson of Woodburn, Michelle Zimmerman of Sherwood, Lonnie Holifield of Albany and numerous nieces,

nephews and great grandchildren.

He was an avid golfer, loved gardening and enjoyed bird hunting with relatives and friends in Eastern Oregon. He was a sports enthusiast who loved attending all the kids' activities and was a huge OSU Beaver fan! Red belonged to the Kings Circle Assembly of God Church where he served as a board member several times. From 1988 until 2009 he served as a Lay Minister at the Heart of The Valley and Corvallis Manor nursing homes. Visitation will be held from 3 – 7 pm on Friday, April 9th at McHenry Funeral Home. A celebration of Red's life will be at 2:00 PM Saturday, April 10th at Kings Circle Assembly of God in Corvallis. Our entire family is very grateful for the kind and caring services of Benton Hospice. Contributions to Benton Hospice may be made in c/o McHenry Funeral Home in Corvallis, OR.

Tribute Wall

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“ Although I haven't lived in the Corvallis area for nearly ten years now, I still look at the Gazette Times from time to time to see what is going on. I was saddened to see that Red Kinion had passed away. He was like a "pillar" in the local church for as long as I can remember and even if he didn't minister directly to people, I am confident that he did so in praying for them as I know he was a man who prayed faithfully. He was a true example of what it means to be a disciple of Jesus Christ and because of his faithfulness on earth, the Kingdom of God did advance. I am sure he is loving where he is at now, but I pray for the family who must carry on without him. May God cover you all in his grace -- you are blessed to have had him in your life as I'm sure you all know.

Patti (Stanton) Richey - April 11, 2010 at 12:08 PM

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“ One of the sweetest memories of family reunions was when back in the 1980s, several members of my family and I drove to Trenton, MO, to attend a family reunion there. Upon arriving in the parking lot of the motel where we would be staying, we met Red and Clarence who had driven from Oregon to attend the same reunion! Then again, last summer, such a sweet surprise to have Red and Lela come to the Kinion reunion in Pryor. Such sweet times with such sweet people. Rest well, Red, you were a Godly man who spread the joy of your salvation to those whom you met. Our sympathies to you, Lela, and all of Red's family. We love you and are glad that we are all in the same family of God. Jack Kinion (Adair, OK)

Jack Kinion - April 09, 2010 at 11:20 PM

GS

“ Red was my cousin. His father, Uncle Lonan was my grandmother Nellie's older brother. Red always was kind to me as a child. I never understood why every one called him Red, until I was old enough to ask him. His gentle smile and easy laughter told me he had been asked that question many time. I feel blessed that I was able to see him a few times in the past year. My prayers are with all of you. I wish I could attend this special celebration, but I am unable to, as my grandson is celebrating his second birthday at the same time. In my heart, I will be thinking of Red, and his love for God.

Gena Sellers - April 09, 2010 at 10:09 PM

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“ Uncle Red was always special to me and I will never forget him. He always remembered my name and details about my life. He always made an effort to talk to me and ask about my life and family as I grew up and I appreciated his constant kindness. I know that he is in heaven now, singing with Jesus, holding His hand! If there is one thing I have no doubt about, it is that! I am praying for your family during this time and hope you all know how special Red was to so many of us! Love you, Lori Cairns (Mitchell)

Lori Cairns - April 08, 2010 at 01:09 AM