



Ernest Homer Rudisill

November 22, 1924 - December 10, 2016

Ernest Rudisill, 92, of Corvallis passed away on Saturday, Dec. 10, 2016.

He was born Nov. 22, 1924, in Uniontown, Kansas, to Frank and Mary Frances (Keith) Rudisill. Ernest attended school in Bronson, Kansas, and graduated from high school in 1943.

He enlisted in the Navy Air Corps, V-5 program in September 1943 and began his naval aviation pre-flight training at St. Mary's College, California. He also attended college in Norman, Oklahoma, Mount Vernon, Iowa, and Laramie, Wyoming, receiving his commission and wings at Corpus Christi, Texas, on June 13, 1945. On the same day he married his childhood sweetheart, Lee Pritchett; they were married 71 years. They had two sons, Kent and Mark.

Ernest and Lee spent his overseas duty of nine months in Bermuda.

After leaving the Navy, Ernest attended Oregon State College receiving his degree in three years. He was a member of two honor societies: Phi Sigma Biological and Phi Kappa Phi.

He worked for the Monroe Feed and Seed Co. for 12 years and retired from the United States Postal Office after 22 years.

He was an avid rock hound and loved cutting rocks into spheres, developing his own museum with many beautiful specimens.

He is survived by his wife, Lee; sons Kent and Mark; four grandchildren, Enik and wife Sarah, April and husband Brent Murry, Candice Rudisill and Alan Rudisill; three great-grandchildren, Jamie Rudisill, and Allison and Kate Murry; and one sister, Nelda and husband Larry Manes.

He was preceded in death by his parents and sister Ardis Rudisill.

There will be no public services.

Tribute Wall

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“ *My wife and I were sad to see that Ernest had passed away recently, I haven't seen or talked with him for a few years, but I remember him fondly. Our deepest sympathy and well wishes for the family during this time of grieving.*
-Brian and Cynthia Jack

Brian Jack - December 16, 2016 at 06:12 PM

 Elaine Meddock

“ *Ernest had a way of lighting up a room. Always good to see him and Lee at family reunions in Kansas. He was quite a rock hound. He will be missed for sure.*



Elaine Meddock - December 14, 2016 at 07:43 AM

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“ *Mark and Kent, my family lived not far from yours growing up, and, when I think of your father, I think of Rudy's Rabbitry.*
With condolences,
Janet (Phillips) McKensey
Corvallis

Janet Phillips McKensey - December 13, 2016 at 06:13 PM