



Eugene Kiel

May 25, 1932 - January 4, 2011

Gene was a kind, loving man and a beloved husband, father and grandfather. He could regale his family and friends with his great humor. He will be greatly missed.

Gene was born to Earl Conrad and Maude Rose Kiel in Great Bend, N.D. His family moved to Bend when he was 8 years old. He graduated from Bend High School in 1950. After graduation, he attended Northwest Nazarene College in Nampa, Idaho, for a short time. He then enlisted in the U.S. Air Force, where he served for four years, ending his enlistment in Korea. He was discharged in 1954 and entered Oregon State College winter term 1955. He graduated in 1958 with a business degree. During his college years, he was president of the Delta Upsilon fraternity. While in college, he formed a quartet that placed second in the annual Forest Grove barbershop contest. The most important event in college, however, was a blind date with a Pi Beta Phi coed, Carlene Inman. After a three-year courtship, they were married in 1960. They celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary shortly before Gene's death.

After graduating from college, Gene was offered a position with New York Life Insurance Company's management trainee program. After a year in the management training program, he decided he was better suited for sales. This was the beginning of a successful 45-year career in the insurance business. He then joined Jim Metzker and Associates in Corvallis, and when Jim retired, the office became Gene Kiel & Associates.

Gene is survived by his wife, Carlene; son Mike of Tualatin; daughter Tracy Hartz and husband, Jim, of Seattle, Wash.; granddaughters Anna and Alisa Hartz and Emma and Ivey Kiel; sister Donna Garlington and husband, Norman, of Boise, Idaho; brother Russell and wife, Ruth, of Bend; and sister Barbara Hull and husband, Jerry, of Nampa. He was predeceased by his parents and brother Colonel Robert Kiel.

A memorial service will take place at 2 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 13, at St. Mary's Catholic Church, 501 N.W. 25th St., Corvallis, followed by a reception at the Corvallis Country Club. The family suggest remembrances to Boys and Girls Aid, Benton Hospice Service or a charity of choice through McHenry Funeral Home, 206 N.W. Fifth St., Corvallis, OR 97330.