



Eugene Henry Kuther

July 18, 1923 - April 17, 2014

Former Corvallis resident Eugene Henry “Gene” Kuther passed away April 17, 2014, in Bend.

Gene, also fondly known to many as “Pooch,” was born to Joseph and Antoinette Kuther, both now deceased, on July 18, 1923, in Ferdinand, Idaho. Gene served in the U.S. Army Air Force in the Pacific during World War II, and in the U.S. Marine Corps during the Korean War. In 1947, Gene married Elizabeth “Bettie” Duman, a union that flourished until his passing.

Gene dedicated his career to the construction industry, including a successful and respected general contracting business. The nature of this profession provided Gene and his family opportunity to live in and enjoy Santa Ana, Calif.; Las Vegas, Nev.; Corvallis; and Bend. Gene and Bettie lived during retirement in Ferdinand, where Gene served two terms as mayor. In retirement they also resided in The Dalles, Redmond and Bend.

Gene was an avid bowler, and enjoyed a relaxing round of golf. He is also known among family and fellow players as a master of Pitch, the card game. Gene was a 50-plus year member of the Moose Lodge. Gene was very active in the Knights of Columbus, and was very proud to be a 4th Degree Knight.

Gene is well remembered for his upbeat and positive attitude, his giant heart,

and his ability to make all feel welcome in his presence.

Gene is survived by Bettie, his wife of 66 years; and his four sons and their wives, Bernie and Dena Kuther, Jerry and Patsi Kuther, Cliff and Leslie Kuther, and Ed and Carol Kuther. Gene also is survived by four grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

In lieu of flowers, please send donations to Heart 'n' Home Hospice, 920 S.W. Emkay Drive, Suite 104, Bend, OR 97702.

Please join us for a memorial service at 10 a.m. Monday, June 9, at Willamette National Cemetery, 11800 S.E. Mt. Scott Blvd., Portland, OR 97066.