



Fred Harem

July 24, 1925 - September 30, 2009

Fred E. Harem passed away peacefully on September 30, 2009 at Good Samaritan Hospital in Corvallis, following an extended and courageous battle with Parkinson's disease. He was 84.

Fred was born on July 24, 1925, in Terry, Montana. The third of seven children born to John and Esther (Blehschmidt) Harem, Fred spent his early years living and working on the family's cattle ranch outside of Terry. In 1936, Fred headed west with his family to Roseburg, Oregon where he lived until moving to Eugene in 1941.

Fred enlisted in the U.S. Army Air Corps and was called to active duty shortly after his graduation from Eugene High School in 1943. He served in the 490th Bomb Group of the Eighth Air Force as a navigator aboard B-17 aircraft flying out of Eye, England.

Upon completing his military service in 1945, Fred returned to Oregon, where he earned a degree in civil engineering from Oregon State University in 1950. He married his college sweetheart, Doris Belknap, in March 1949. In 1950, Fred obtained a teaching fellowship at Yale University and earned his master's degree in structural engineering from Yale the following year.

The family returned to Corvallis in 1951, where Fred began his 39-year career with the engineering consulting firm of CH2M Hill. Fred was a vice president and partner at the firm, and served on its board of directors. He managed numerous water supply engineering projects and oversaw the design of the Foothills Water Treatment Plant in Denver. He also worked as project

coordinator and director on a nationwide water supply system project for Trinidad, CH2M Hill's first major foreign project. In 1984, the couple moved to Alexandria, Egypt, where Fred served as project manager and program director on the construction of a wastewater treatment system for the city, one of the firm's largest foreign projects to date. From 1986 through 1990, he served as Vice President, Water and Wastewater Division Manager and Assistant Regional Manager of the firm's Milwaukee, Wisconsin office. Passionate about people and his community, Fred's 1990 retirement didn't mean retirement from life or service. He remained active in a number of professional and community organizations and projects including the American Water Works Association and the CH2M Hill Alumni Center at O.S.U., and he served on the board of the Benton County Historical Society. A Paul Harris Fellow with the Corvallis Rotary Club, Fred was a member of the club's World Community Service Committee, helping to establish an eye care clinic for the residents of the Santa Elena peninsula in Ecuador. As a longtime member of the First Presbyterian Church of Corvallis, Fred served on numerous committees and governing bodies within the church, including as chairman of the church's stewardship committee. He was particularly enthusiastic about the church's current renovation plans and the construction of its Dennis Hall addition.

Fred is survived by his loving wife of 60 years, Doris Belknap Harem, son Greg Harem (Julie) of Woodinville, Washington, daughter Victoria Chaudhry of Seattle, and daughter Holly Harem of Seattle. He is also survived by two grandchildren, Kailey and Bryce Harem, sister Adeline Edelstein, and brothers Dave Harem and Ben Harem.

A celebration of Fred's life will be held on October 18 at 2:00 p.m. at First Presbyterian Church of Corvallis. The family suggests that remembrances be made to Water For People, the Benton County Historical Society, or to a charity of choice.

Tribute Wall

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“ We have such wonderful memories of our times together with you in Egypt and here in the States. Both Fred & Dorie were always so gracious, supportive and helpful. Our thoughts and prayers are with you, Ted & DaLynn

Ted & DaLynn Downen - October 18, 2009 at 01:47 PM

EL

“ My condolences to you your family Fred. Even though I do not know you, when you work at CH2M HILL, you automatically become part of a larger family that embrace each other. You sound like a wonderful guy and I would have really enjoyed meeting you. You have done so much for our company and contributed to where we are today. You will be truly missed. May you rest in peace in his arms.

Elizabeth Lawson-Hatim CH2M HILL Toronto, Canada

Elizabeth Lawson-Hatim - October 16, 2009 at 09:57 AM

CM

“ I am so sorry for your loss. Mr. Harem was my scout leader. And I learned lots of things from him, most importantly, I learned civility, order, and humility. Forever grateful, /s/Chris

Chris McKay - October 15, 2009 at 10:43 AM

JS

“ I first met Fred in 1978 shortly after the CH2M Hill, BCE merger. Fred was always thoughtful and treated everyone with respect. Doris, I know you will miss his smiling face and great sense of humor. May you and your family find peace in the days ahead. Our deepest sympathies and prayers are with you. Love, Jack and Sondra (GNV)

Jack and Sondra Smith - October 11, 2009 at 04:55 PM

SR

“ Our thoughts are with you, Please accept our sincere sympathy in your time of sorrow. Sam and Nan Jean

Sam and Nan Jean Roller - October 09, 2009 at 06:01 PM

AG

“ Our deepest sympathies. You were such a wonderful and understanding couple. Our prayers are with you.
Love,

Amany and Omar Garcia-Bengochea - October 08, 2009 at 06:22 AM

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“ I'd known Fred sence 1977 when I was hired by CH2M Hill. I very much enjoyed working with him and knowing him personnal. The Trinidad and Alexander project was quite an experience. May the Lord Bless his family and friends at this time.
Shirley Fisher (Drake) /CVO

Shirley Fisher (Drake) - October 07, 2009 at 06:15 PM