



Gary McClow

June 15, 1931 - June 14, 2011

Gary Dallas McClow, 79, of Corvallis died Tuesday at Regent Court in Corvallis.

Gary was born June 15, 1931, in Norfolk, Neb. He was the son of Dallas McClow and Maye Sanders. He graduated from Corvallis High School and Oregon Technical Institute. He married Charlotte Severin on Aug. 16, 1958, in Corvallis. The couple has two sons, Matthew and Ross.

Gary was a retail businessman — he started his career in 1955 at Campus Food Market on Monroe Avenue. He had a shared venture with T.A. Patterson in developing the Forest Acres Housing Development in northwest Corvallis. His entrepreneurial spirit continued with the opening of his first 88 Cent Store in 1958 in Corvallis. He and his stepdad, Beryl Sanders, eventually opened 24 of the familiar 88 Cent Stores and Century Discount Stores in western Oregon and southwest Washington. Gary retired in June of 2008. He enjoyed sunshine, playing bad golf and gin rummy with his friends at the Corvallis Country Club and Black Butte Ranch.

He was a fan of both the Beavers and the Trail Blazers; however, his greatest joy was spending time with his family. Gary will be remembered for his terrific sense of humor, his strong work ethic and his unwavering loyalty to friends and family.

Gary is survived by his beloved Charlotte; his son, Matthew, and grandchildren Jackson and Anna of Oregon City; and son Ross and his wife, Sherri, of Philomath. A celebration of life barbecue will take place from noon

to 3 p.m. Saturday, June 25, at the home of Ross and Sherri McClow. Call 541-231-1536 for directions.

Memorial donations in Gary's name may be directed to the Alzheimer's Foundation at alz.org.