



## George Fuller Barrett

February 28, 1921 - February 22, 2015

George Fuller Barrett passed away on February 22, 2015, at his home in Oregon City. He was 93 years old. He was born February 28, 1921, in Omaha, Nebraska, to West B. and Florence Estella Barrett. He is predeceased by his parents, wife, infant son John Scott, twin sister and two other sisters.

George graduated from Albany High School in 1939. He then attended OSU until joining the service during WWII. He was a pilot in the US Navy. In 1945, while he was in the service he married Phyllis Janet Kachelhoffer, who was from Corvallis. They had met while they both attended OSU. After the war George returned to OSU and graduated with a Business degree in 1948. George and Phyllis settled in Corvallis. George started working in the grocery business and on the side built some houses and purchased houses that were going to be demolished and relocated them. George purchased Lew's Market in 1959, which was at 4th and Harrison in Corvallis. The store was renamed Barrett's Town and Country Market. During his years in Corvallis, George was a member of Rotary, the Masonic Lodge, Elks and Moose. George and Phyllis enjoyed boating with their family.

George and Phyllis had both worked long and hard hours in the grocery store and decided to retire at an early age in 1971. They were both ready for some adventure and together they built a 58 foot fiberglass and wood hulled boat. They started building the boat in the backyard of their house and later it was

moved down by the river. The boat became a Corvallis attraction. The boat was completed in 1974 while moored in Portland. They had intended to travel in it instead they started commercial fishing along the California, Oregon and Washington coast.

In 1985 Phyllis passed away. A few years later George moved to Portland where his boat was moored and then to Oregon City in 1998. In recent years George has enjoyed his yard with fruit trees, grapes and fishpond and has done some traveling.

George is survived by four children, Janet Wood, West Rictor, Steve Barrett and Kelly Barrett. He has eight grandchildren and seven great grandchildren.

Services will be 1:00 pm, February 28th, 2015 at the Episcopal Church of the Good Samaritan in Corvallis.

# Tribute Wall



“ *McHenry Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of George Fuller Barrett*



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**McHenry Funeral Home** - April 06, 2015 at 12:34 PM

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“ *I grew up in Corvallis and graduated from Corvallis High in 1965, the same year as Janet. My first memories of Mr. Barrett are from the old Lew's Market at the corner of 3rd and Washington where my parents traded for years. The picture of him as a young man is exactly how I remember him. When the new Barrett's Market was being built at 3rd and Harrison, my father Karl Gatchell helped install all the refrigeration for the cold cases, walk in coolers, etc. Mr. Barrett and my dad became friends. My dad died of cancer at age 59 in April of 1964. Mr. and Mrs. Barrett came to the door of our little house on South 10th and gave my mom and I a huge ham cooked and on a platter. I remember cloves sticking out all over it. They said they didn't want us to worry about food for a few days. It was a kindness I have never forgotten. These were wonderful people. My deepest sympathy to all the Barrett family.*

*Alan Gatchell*

*Salem, Ore*

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**Alan Gatchell** - March 01, 2015 at 01:36 PM

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“ *My thoughts and prayers are with George and his family.*

*Mark Posler, Marys River Masonic Lodge*



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**Mark Posler** - February 26, 2015 at 12:26 AM

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*My thoughts and prayers are for Uncle Georges family. I woke up today thinking of my mother and Uncle George was on my mind. How wonderful to have your celebration of life on your and my Mother's birthday. God Bless you and your family.*

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**Barbara Fitzgerald** - February 28, 2015 at 09:03 PM