



George Dotson

April 25, 1933 - June 17, 2007

A service is planned commemorating the life of George F. Dotson at 2:00 pm June 25, 2007 at McHenry Funeral Home followed by a reception at CH2M Hill in Corvallis. He died Fathers' Day, June 17th at the age of 74. He is survived by his wife of 52 years, Joan of Corvallis; a son, Mark of Hermiston and 2 daughters, Debbi Burrigh of Wilsonville and Diana Alvarez of Salem. Survivors also include: 2 brothers, Russ of Joseph, Bill of Hood River and a sister, Beverly Toll of Medford, 6 grandsons, 2 granddaughters, 1 great grandson with 1 more great grandchild on the way. He was preceded in death by 1 brother, Bob and 1 sister Peggy Willett.

Born April 25, 1933 in Eugene, OR he was the 4th child of Emmitt Gatis and Effie Mae Dotson. Educated in surrounding towns and raised on a farm, he attended U of O for 2 years and then changed to Oregon State in the fall of 1953 for an Engineering degree. He enrolled in the Army ROTC at both colleges and received his BS degree in 1956. He met his wife, Joan on a blind date in 1953 and they were married in March 1955. While serving in the ROTC, he was hired by CH2M after college as employee #31. He served active duty in Virginia for 2 years before returning to CH2M. He earned a Masters degree in Structural Engineering in 1969 and worked on many structural projects around the world including USA, Egypt and Trinidad. He recently celebrated 50 years of service at CH2M Hill.

Since his so-called "retirement" he and Joan have traveled around the continent in an RV. From Canada to Mexico and from the East coast to the

West he made friends wherever stopped. He was an avid hunter and fisherman. He was often quoted as saying, "if I'm too sick to go to work, I might as well go huntin'." He rarely sat still and was the king of do-it-yourself projects. Though his projects would hold up against the strongest earthquake, they did lack a little polish in the finished look. He loved to garden as much as the deer liked to eat it and finally managed to grow almost an acre of goodies on 40 feet of deck. He was mightier than the redwoods and larger than life. He was a loving faithful husband and a doting dad and grandpa He is loved dearly by his family and many friends and will greatly be missed.