



Gerald Alexander

March 8, 1930 - November 14, 2012

Gerald Corwin Alexander was born March 8, 1930, in Corvallis, and died Nov. 14, 2012, at Samaritan Evergreen Hospice in Albany.

He was the son of Theodore R. and Mable E. Harris Alexander, and was a descendant of pioneer Joseph C. Alexander, who came to Benton County from Missouri in 1846. He was a lifelong Benton County resident.

He attended high school in Corvallis, then attended Oregon State University, graduating in 1951 with a Bachelor of Science degree in electrical engineering.

He served in the U.S. Air Force from 1951 to 1954, and married Teruko "Terry" Annette Yazawa on Aug. 27, 1953, in Fukuoka, Japan. After the USAF, he worked for the Allis Chalmers Co. until joining the faculty of OSU in 1955. He earned a master's degree in electrical engineering from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology in 1961, and received a doctorate in electrical engineering and computer sciences from the University of California at Berkeley in 1973.

He won the School of Engineering outstanding teacher award for 1970 at Oregon State. The award was established by the late Loyd F. Carter of Portland to encourage increased emphasis on teaching in the Schools of Engineering and Science. He consulted as a licensed Professional Engineer in the State of Oregon for the U.S. Corps of Engineers, the Bonneville Power Administration, Hughes Aircraft Co. and others.

He retired as Professor of Electrical and Electronics Engineering at OSU in

1995.

He is survived by his wife, Terry; a sister, Janet M. Howell of Valencia, Calif.; and a brother, Grayson T. Alexander of Spring Hill, Fla.

A memorial service is set for 11 a.m. Friday, Nov. 23, at McHenry Funeral Home, 206 N.W. Fifth St. in Corvallis. Private inurnment will take place in Oak Lawn Memorial Park.