Gerald Phillips

October 5, 1923 - April 5, 2008

Gerald Frank “Jerry” Phillips, 84 of Corvallis died Saturday. Born October 5, 1923 in French Creek, W. Virginia; he was the son of U. Glenn and Clara Hardman Phillips. He served as a pilot in the U. S. Army and Air Force during World War II. He married Vera Worthman on September 24, 1966. After retirement from the military, he worked as a pilot for the BLM in Anchorage, Alaska flying fire fighting planes. Always industrious and incorporating his love of travel into his employment, he became a tour bus and school bus driver. When the family was making a decision to move in the early 1980’s, they traveled literally every state in the union in order to make an informed decision. Oregon’s beauty influenced them to make it their home. Jerry and Vera never tired of exploring and experiencing the Oregon countryside. He volunteered as a Dial a Bus driver in his free time.

Preceded in death by his parents and his daughter Vera J. Barlow-Lian who passed in 2005; Jerry is survived by his wife of 42 years, Vera Phillips; son and daughter in law Kurt and Soonhee Phillips of Anchorage, daughter Kim Phillips of Beaverton, daughter and son in law Kathy Phillips and Steve Arnet of Flagstaff; Arizona; son in law Carl Lian of Beaverton; grandchildren Andy, Valerie, Allyson, Khristina, Paul, Brandi, Nolan and Alexis and one great grandchild.

Vera would like to extend her thanks to all the wonderful neighbors and friends who have provided support and sustenance throughout Jerry’s illness.

Private inurnment will be held at Skyline Memorial Park in Portland. The family

requests memorial donations in Jerry’s name be directed to a charity of choice in care of McHenry Funeral Home 206 NW 5th St., Corvallis, OR 97330.

Tribute Wall

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Vera, Thanks so much for playing such a big part in the success of Fall Festival for so many years as part of Vera's Team.
We will be sorry to not see Jerry at this year's festival, checking us out to make sure things are going well. Our hearfelt sympathy goes to you and the rest of the family for your loss.
Cynthia Spencer

Cynthia Spencer - April 14, 2008 at 01:15 PM

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Elizabeth Phillips (daughter from second marriage) - April 11, 2008 at 10:29 AM