



## Graeme Harwood

July 10, 1921 - March 18, 2016

H. Graeme Harwood died on March 18, 2016 in Corvallis, Oregon. He was born in Auckland, New Zealand on July 10, 1921. His parents were Francis Winafred, born in England and Horace Harwood, born in Sidney, Australia. He is pre-deceased by his wife, Kathryn Fiske Plummer Harwood, his sister, Stella Fairley and brother, Lindsey Harwood of New Zealand and his grandson, Blake Harwood. His son, Martin Richard Harwood and wife, Lorna, live in Auckland, N.Z..

Raised on his parent's farm, Graeme attended High School in Auckland and at age 16 went to sea as a deck boy that plied the seas between Fiji, N.Z. and Australia, later becoming a Ship's Master in 1951. As Ship's Master he served on several ships until 1960 when he resigned from the Union Steam Ship Company of N.Z. Ltd. to work with the stevedoring side of shipping where he held the top stevedoring position with the Adelaide, South Australian company known as Mercantile Stevedores (S.A.). In this job he oversaw the loading of company ships and was a popular boss and overall quipper to all he met and knew. In 1990 when Graeme retired they moved permanently to Corvallis.

Graeme's motto was "Once a Kiwi, Always a Kiwi". He had a unique sense of humor, was fun-loving and very social as one would expect of a Sea Captain of many years. He had great interest in his garden while raising Zinnias and

vegetables, particularly Early Girl tomatoes, onions, garlic, peas and French Gourmet green beans. Very wise as a gardener, he kept careful records of each crop every year taking much pleasure in giving away most of his vegetables and flowers to his many friends and neighbors. He and his wife, Kay, loved their home in the College Hill area.

Graeme was beloved by many. He was true to all he knew and always interested in their careers and hobbies, their children & grandchildren, and able to remember everyone's names, birthdays and accomplishments. He also was known for unending New Zealand "sayings" which he loved to use in his conversations with everyone.

His garden, family, friends and neighbors were his source of pride. He was one who believed in "capturing the day!" He had a full and interesting long life. He lived to be 94 and was recently frequently saying he was "ready for Him to call me".

He will be remembered always with much fondness by all who knew him.

"Ta, and see you anon".

There will be a Memorial Service for friends and family of H. Graeme Harwood on April 12, 2016 starting at 2:00 PM at the McHenry Funeral Home, 206 NW 5th Street in Corvallis, OR.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests donations to Samaritan Evergreen Hospice, 4600 Evergreen St., S.E., Albany, OR 97322, or a charity of their choice.

# Previous Events

## Celebration of Life

APR **12**. 2:00 PM (PT)

McHenry Funeral Home  
206 NW 5th St.  
Corvallis, OR 97330  
(541) 757-8141  
[info@mchenryfuneralhome.com](mailto:info@mchenryfuneralhome.com)

# Tribute Wall

AH

“ I wish I could find my pictures of the Vaux's swifts falling down Graeme chimney. Keeping his chimney unscreened, year after year -- what a wonderful gift to the community!

*And how can it be spring without going to pick up some of young zinnias that Graeme started from seed, year after year after year?*

*Graeme, it's been a joy to know you. - Jane*

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**Adriana Huyer** - April 09, 2016 at 03:07 PM

MV

“ We will all miss the Sea Captain. Thank you Graeme for being such a wonderful addition to our family, for all of the great memories and for taking care of Grandma Irja. It was a true pleasure and honor to have known you.

*Press on regardless.*

*-The Vaillancourt Family*

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**Melissa Vaillancourt** - April 07, 2016 at 10:51 PM

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**Kathryn Grecia** - March 31, 2016 at 01:57 PM

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“ We affectionately called him Kiwi. He was my parents' neighbor, just a block away. He was a wonderful neighbor, sweeping mounds and mounds of autumn leaves and sharing beans from his overflowing garden. Always smiling, always waving, always puttering productively. We will always remember him fondly. -The Richter family

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**Grace Richter** - March 31, 2016 at 02:40 AM

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**Lynda Wolfenbarger** - March 30, 2016 at 03:56 PM

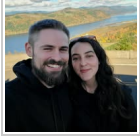
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**Nancy Roberts** - March 29, 2016 at 11:07 PM



“ *I'll always remember and cherish all the times that you came over for tea, picked us flowers, beans, and tomatoes from the garden, and gave me envelopes full of stamps that you had collected from the neighbors. Of all the Grandfathers in my life you were the one that spent the most time with me and showed the most interest. You were the one that most accurately fit the definition of what a Grandpa should be. I will love you and miss you always.*

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**Kevin Andrews** - March 29, 2016 at 12:24 AM



“ *The Captain has gone back to sea. Press on Graeme and we'll keep an eye on the beans.*

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**Jimmy Falkner** - March 26, 2016 at 10:58 PM