



## Dr. Harold James Jensen

September 16, 1921 - May 21, 2015

Dr. Harold James Jensen, 93, died Thursday at his home in Corvallis. Born September 16, 1921 in Sunnyside, Washington, he was the son of Emil and Gertrude Pakieser Jensen. He served in the United States Army Air Corps as a pilot during World War II. He married Margaret Ann Polis on August 25, 1946, in Summit Park, Washington. The couple had three children Sue, Erik, and Chris. He received his doctorate in Entomology from the University of California in Berkeley. In 1950, the family moved to Corvallis, where Dr. Jensen served as a Professor of Nematology for 33 years. He had multiple professional publications throughout his tenure at Oregon State and served as President of the Society of Nematologists 1971 – 1972. He and Margaret traveled extensively, throughout the United States and also made a trip to Peru. They were active in the First Christian Church and enjoyed spending winters at their home in Yuma.

In 2008, Dr. Jensen married Mary Alice Dickinson in Hawaii. They too, enjoyed traveling together and enjoyed the snowbird lifestyle. In his leisure time, he enjoyed wood carving and wood working, oil painting, competitive horseshoeing, fishing, crabbing, gardening, golf, and bowling.

He was preceded in death by his first wife Margaret; his parents, and his sister Margaret Albert. Dr. Jensen is survived by his wife Mary Alice Jensen; children and their spouses Sue and Craig Moser, Erik Jensen, Chris and Kimi

Jensen; grandchildren Kristin (Rob Herbert), Scott, and Matt (Andrea) Moser, Alex and Garrett Jensen, Nina and Shana Jensen; great grandchildren Cameron and Ryan Herbert and sister Shirley Lee.

Memorial donations in Dr. Jensen's name may be directed to the First Christian Church or Benton Hospice in care of McHenry Funeral Home 206 NW 5th St., Corvallis, OR 97330. A Celebration of Life is scheduled for 2:00 pm, Saturday May 30th at the First Christian Church in Corvallis.

# Tribute Wall



“ *McHenry Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Dr. Harold James Jensen*



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**McHenry Funeral Home** - June 17, 2015 at 02:27 PM

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“ *Dear Sue, Eric and Chris:*

*I am saddened to hear of Dr. Jensen's death. I was in Corvallis with him and received M.S.in 1963 and Ph.D.in 1968 under him. I visited him last November in Corvallis, although I am not sure he remembered/recognized me.I have many fond memories of visiting and playing with you at your homes and when you finally moved to Wren.*

*I kept in touch with him when I came to California and often consulted with him on various nematological problems. May he rest in peace.*

*Best wishes to you all. Take care,*

*Arun Sen  
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**Arun K. Sen** - May 27, 2015 at 03:30 PM