



Harry Bertil Lagerstedt

August 2, 1925 - July 15, 2023

Harry Bert Lagerstedt, 97, formerly of Corvallis and Albany, Oregon, passed away on July 15, 2023, after a very short illness.

Harry was born on August 2, 1925 to Swedish immigrant parents, Bertil and Ebba Lagerstedt, in Montclair, NJ.

Harry served in the US Navy for three years during WWII, as a pharmacist's mate aboard the USS General A.E. Anderson.

Harry started college at Utah State, where he met his beloved wife Carol Bellon. He transferred to Oregon State College and graduated with both a Bachelor's and a Master's degree in horticulture, and later earned a PhD in plant physiology from Texas A&M. Harry was a professor of horticulture at OSU for eight years, then a research horticulturist with the USDA for many years. He ended his career as Research Leader of the National Clonal Germplasm Repository.

Harry loved out-of-doors adventures and enjoyed scuba diving, deer and elk hunting, fishing, crabbing, camping, campfire cooking, white water river rafting, mountain climbing, biking and marathon running. He also loved farming and ran a Christmas tree farm, and later a U-pick peach orchard.

Harry loved friends and family, and was a wonderful role model to his extended family. He was preceded in death by his wife, Carol, and oldest daughter Karin Cochran. He is survived by four children, Lori Lagerstedt of Vancouver, WA; Lisa Cook of Trinity, TX; Ann Sorensen of Gunnison, UT; Bert Lagerstedt of Pleasant Grove, UT; and by 16 grandchildren and 40 great grandchildren.

Services will be held at The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, 4141 NW Harrison Blvd, Corvallis, on Saturday, July 29, at 12:00 p.m. All are welcome to attend.

Cemetery Details

Twin Oaks Memorial Gardens

34275 Riverside Dr
Albany, OR 97321

Previous Events

Memorial Service

JUL **29**. 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM (PT)

The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints
4141 NW Harrison Blvd
Corvallis, OR 97330

Tribute Wall

BS

“ *The last time I met Harry was 2012 at my dad’s funeral. The photo is from that day together with my mother Inger. The last visit in Corvallis 1999 is a very happy memory for me, my wife Elisabeth and our daughters Helena, Ingrid and Birgitta.*



Bjarne Sjödel - August 02, 2023 at 02:51 PM

WK

“ *Harry, myself and often his family members and his friends had several memorable fishing trips together. My fondest memory was the day he turned 90, and he wanted to go halibut fishing. Sure enough, he hooked a large 40-pound halibut and he refused any help in bringing the fish to boat. The smile on his face was priceless.*



WILLIAM Karl Kremers - August 02, 2023 at 08:32 AM

SP

“ *I have happy memories of Harry being an important part of USDA Horticulture gatherings at the coast and for a memorable trip with him on the John Day River. My husband, John Potter, also worked with the USDA Horticulture group. When Harry learned we would be visiting Sweden, he put us in touch with his cousin who graciously gave us a tour of her town and a very old church. Sandy Potter*

Sandra Potter - July 27, 2023 at 03:28 PM

JB

“ Harry, at age 50 or so, ran step-by-step with me in my first marathon, encouraging me to finish strong without him with one mile to go. He impressed me as selfless and generous. I crossed paths with him many times over the years, occasionally while riding my bike. Last year, in August, I caught him taking a break, sitting on his walker in front of a big utility box not far from his residence at Bonaventure in Albany. A good friend, Harry always had a smile and loved to chat. He was and is an inspiration.



Jerry Boal - July 22, 2023 at 08:20 AM

BW

“ Harry was a great friend who taught me so much, beginning when I arrived at OSU as a horticulture graduate student from North Dakota in 1957. He was a special person who found joy and made friends for life wherever he went, and who so generously shared his contagious enthusiasm, sense of adventure and consistently positive outlook. Many of our lives were brightened and influenced by Harry's infectious example and by the outdoor Oregon family adventures he shared with us.

Bud and Deanie Weiser

Bud Weiser - July 20, 2023 at 05:11 PM

RW

“ I see in the G-T that the invincible veteran, Harry Lagerstedt, died on July 15 in Vancouver, WA. We will always remember him at the annual horticulture picnics at Honeyman State Park, and for the strawberry shortcake that he and Carol provided. Years later, he re-invented himself when he opened The Peach Place.

Can't believe that he was 97 years old. That's 20 years older than Ray. For many years, I walked to the Memorial Day program at the Armory on Kings. I could count on seeing him wearing his WW II uniform. Like who can fit into theirs?

Ray William, Professor Emeritus, Dept. of Horticulture, OSU and Nancy

Ray William - July 20, 2023 at 12:06 PM



“ We send our thoughts and prayers to you all. We love our precious Uncle Harry. What an amazing life he lived! A wonderful legacy he has left behind.

I will treasure all the precious memories with him, Aunt Carol and you all throughout my life. I will miss his beaming face and beautiful smile. I love his love for the outdoors and nature. I think of his tan fit body running through the trees. Such an inspiration in countless ways. His generosity blessed so many lives. My Daddy spoke fondly, and often, of the amazing adventures Uncle Harry took him on! I was blessed to speak on the phone with him over the years. My Daddy lived with us for the past two and a half years. Uncle Harry would call and check on him often. He had such a kind heart. We will miss him.

Love to all,

Tammy Moore Cottle and Family

Tammy Cottle - July 19, 2023 at 01:09 PM