



Henry Herdt

October 15, 1919 - January 11, 2010

Our father and dear friend, Henry Herdt, passed away on Jan. 11, 2010, and is now in a place he thought never existed, or so he said. I would love to have seen his face when he saw his wife, Mary; his mom, dad, brothers, sisters and dear friends, all deceased, awaiting him.

Henry was born in Chicago, Ill., on Oct. 15, 1919, to German immigrants of the truest kind. Henry was a gentleman, scholar, chef, golfer, sculptor, archer, veteran, husband, father, grandfather, uncle and friend. He was proud to say he fought alongside Eisenhower, Patton and the other brave soldiers of World War II. To those who are reading this, you may remember my dad as a frequent writer for the Corvallis Gazette-Times - under Letters to the Editor. In 1961, Henry and Mary moved to Corvallis, where he retired from the U.S. Air Force.

They had two daughters, Kathy Bergevin (Marvin) of Salem and Lyn Herdt (Tim Gentry) of Warrenton, Va. They have two grandchildren, Kirsten Heder (Jon) of Los Angeles, Calif., and Brian Bales (Erika) of Washington, D.C. Oh, and the best of all, two great-grandchildren, Evan Jane and Philip Henry. Henry and Mary were also the proud step-grandparents of Nicole, Danielle, Camille, Sylvin, Jon and Eli Bergevin.

We know there are many people whose lives were touched by his love, kindness and friendship, and that he will be forever missed.

Henry will be buried alongside Mary at a graveside memorial at 12:30 p.m. Friday, Jan. 15, at Willamette National Cemetery in Portland. Arrangements

are by McHenry Funeral Home.