



Hubert Grady Duvall Sr.

February 28, 1932 - January 30, 2014

Hubert Grady Duvall Sr., 81, of Corvallis passed away on Jan. 30, 2014, at home, after a lengthy battle with cancer.

Hubert was born on Feb. 28, 1932, in a cabin in Itawamba County, Miss., to sharecroppers Tracy and Lennie Duvall. He attended school in Fulton, Becker and Itawamba, Miss., but, to put it mildly, never considered formal education important at the time.

As a boy, he loved playing football and was a decent quarterback. In fact, as an eighth-grader, he was recruited to be the starting quarterback on the local high school varsity football team. Unfortunately, putting an eighth-grader on a high school team turned out to be a rule violation, which put a quick end to the plan.

Hubert spent 1950-1951, as he described it, knocking around from job to job. He hitchhiked north to Wisconsin with a buddy to work in a factory. In 1950, he was employed for a short time in the Foundry Division of Nash Motor Company.

He enlisted in the U.S. Navy in 1951. Following boot camp, he was assigned to the U.S. Military Base in Pearl Harbor, Hawaii. He volunteered for submarine duty and was a Torpedoman aboard the USS Bugara. He received the National Service Award, the Good Conduct Award and the China Service Medal (extended).

While stationed in Honolulu, he met the love of his life, Theresa, at a skating rink. After a two-year courtship, they married in 1954.

Following Hubert's honorable discharge from the Navy that same year, the couple moved to Mississippi, where Hubert attended Mississippi State University. He graduated from MSU in 1958 with a degree in Industrial Arts Education. His young family then returned to Hawaii, where Hubert taught at Waipahu High School and Kalama Community Center on Oahu.

In 1960, the family relocated to Oregon, so that Hubert could pursue a master's degree at Oregon State University. They settled in Alsea, where Hubert taught at Alsea High School and singlehandedly built his family a house. He also developed an interest in coaching wrestling, and greatly enjoyed the hunting and fishing opportunities.

In 1967, after obtaining his master's degree in education, he obtained a position with the Corvallis School District. He taught industrial arts at Western View Middle School, and later at Crescent Valley High School until his retirement in 1992.

Hubert was a devoted husband and loving father. He enjoyed the outdoors, carpentry, and working on his rental homes. Hubert is survived by his wife of 59 years, Theresa; their four children, Sandie Blaha and her husband, Steve, of Beaverton, Tanya Erickson and her husband, Craig, of Tustin, Mich., Hugh Duvall and his wife, Julie, of Eugene, and Rob Duvall and his wife, Stephanie, of Corvallis; 10 grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

A funeral will take place at 1:30 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 5, at McHenry Funeral Home in Corvallis.

Tribute Wall



“ McHenry Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Hubert Grady Duvall Sr.



McHenry Funeral Home - April 22, 2014 at 11:08 AM

PC

“ I am deeply saddened to learn of Hubert’s death. It is a joy to remember his laugh, his engagingly convoluted way of speaking, his loyalty and generosity to friends and colleagues. As a teacher new to Western View I soon learned that Hubert was a source of basic truths of life, and that he lived by them. He gave his students the ultimate respect of holding them to high standards.

There was an extraordinary gathering of men that squeezed into the tiny faculty lunch room at Western, including Hubert, Ted Rarick, Ed McLain, Chuck Wenstrom, Frank Grosjacques, Ken Larson, Bill Wold, Mel Anderson, Del Martin, Chuck Henderer, and Noel Stubbs. I felt, and still feel, that it was one of life’s gifts to be in their company. Those were good times, made better by Hubert’s laughter and friendship.

As your neighbor, it was always fun to pass by the Duvall home and see what new projects were under way. Early on Hubert gave me a lesson in shingle-splitting, and was always ready to offer advice and a hand at whatever project I might be working on.

Hubert lived the life he espoused; of friendship, generosity, and hard work. That Mississippi boy left his mark, a profoundly good one, on the world. My thoughts are with you at this time of loss.

*With warm regards,
Pat Canan*

Pat Canan - February 24, 2014 at 12:51 AM

MG

“ My name is Mimi Gallagher and I taught with Hubert at Crescent Valley for many years. My best memory of him was when he offered a woodworking class in the evenings for staff. It was great to learn all about what went on in the shop area and all that he had been teaching to his students over the years. I know he made a huge difference in the lives of many students. I made many picture frames from old barn wood that I still have hanging in my family room and also a mirror with oak that was for hanging coats. It was a lot of fun in those days. I had a conversation with him within the past 2 years----can't remember where I saw him----but he still had the same can do attitude and cheery outlook. He was a great guy and wonderful teacher-----I am so sorry for your loss.

Mimi Gallagher - February 11, 2014 at 01:50 PM

GS

“ My name is Grant Stone and I was in the Alsea class of 1963. Hubert was our class advisor and what a great guy he was. I just heard about his passing from another classmate. We had our 50th high school reunion this past summer and invited him but he was ill and not able to attend. We all missed him at the reunion as we all had such good memories of him. He was an outstanding teacher and even better man.

grant stone - February 09, 2014 at 01:12 PM

CM

“ Rob, we are so sorry for your loss. Thinking of you during this difficult time. Marty, Cecile, Margot and Max Meehan

cecile Meehan - February 05, 2014 at 05:42 PM

DK

“ Rob: You and your dad were very kind to take JJ under your wing and help him with summer jobs. I know that JJ enjoyed working for your dad. You are a wonderful son to care for him as you did. Blessings to your entire family as you celebrate Hubert's Life!

Donna Keim - February 04, 2014 at 07:37 PM

NI

“ God Bless you Aunt Teresa, take care and know they all had a joyous reunion, Love you. Scottie

Niece - February 04, 2014 at 07:02 PM

CW

“ Rob: I remember your father when I was substitute teaching at CHS and CV. I really enjoyed him and also talking to you. My mother Lucille McKinney Paine died at age 90 in Lebanon on January 9 so I know some of your grief. I do know that she is in Heaven now and I will see her again someday. Sincerely, Carolyn Paine Webb

Carolyn Webb - February 04, 2014 at 01:05 PM

LG

So sorry for your loss. I just looked in my 1968 Wagon Wheels to remind myself of what he looked like. Looked at my dads photo too. They were so young. Gods peace to you! With love, Linda Grosjacques

Linda Grosjacques - February 04, 2014 at 07:29 PM