



## Jack Coskey

October 8, 1918 - April 30, 2016

Jack Warren Coskey, 97, of Corvallis, former resident of Silverton and Hillsboro, and Renton and Centralia, Washington, died April 30, 2016, in Corvallis.

He was born Oct. 8, 1918, in Seattle, Washington, to Arthur and Laura Mildred Coskey, the elder of two children. He married Kathryn May Priest on Aug. 1, 1947, in Tacoma, Washington, and they were blessed with four children.

A World War II army captain, Jack served with the 1288th Engineer Combat Battalion. In Germany, his battalion cleared a personnel-mine field and constructed a floating Bailey bridge across the Rhine River. The bridge helped move allied forces into central Germany for the final allied ground assault. Jack was a graduate forester and land surveyor from the University of Washington and remained a proud Husky fan.

His professional career spanned over 40 years, including working at a shake mill, forester for the Milwaukee Land Company, licensed land surveyor, timber tax economist for the Industrial Forestry Association and forestry and surveying instructor at Chemeketa Community College.

An avid outdoorsman, Jack enjoyed surveying Washington and Oregon forests, traveling, hunting, target shooting, landscaping, gardening, and

raising sheep. He was an avid reader of history, natural sciences, and travel. Many years ago he typed a letter to his children on Father's Day telling them that of all the things he had done, having a family of his own and watching the children grow had been his most satisfying. Jack's family will treasure his many typed and handwritten letters in his very precise and distinctive cursive penmanship.

Survivors include his four children, Thomas (Julie) Coskey of Fairbanks, Alaska, James (Valerie) Coskey of Philomath, Mary (Steve) Cooper of Florence, Arizona, and Ann (Richard) Wasserman of Salem; 12 grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

His wife, Kathryn Coskey, parents, brother and granddaughter preceded him in death.

Private burial for Jack Warren Coskey was at Willamette National Cemetery in Portland.