



## James Arthur Ringler

July 31, 1932 - March 15, 2013

James (Jim) Ringler of Corvallis passed away on March 15, 2013, at the Mennonite Village in Albany, after a long battle with prostate cancer.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Ernest and Anna, and brother, Eugene Ringler, all of Waterloo, Iowa.

He is survived by his wife of 53 years, Ellen; his daughter, Tracy Ringler Patricio of San Diego, and two grandchildren, Briana Rose and Rafael James Patricio; as well as his sister, Charlotte Dessinger of Cedar Falls, Iowa; and three nephews, Ronald Dessinger, Barry Dessinger and Eugene Ringler.

He was born July 31, 1932, in Laramie, Wyo., to Ernest Leroy Ringler and Anna Mary Mirick. He grew up in Waterloo, Iowa, and graduated from West High School in 1950. He served four years in the U.S. Navy as a Dental Technician.

He moved to Oregon to attend the University of Oregon in Eugene, and in 1961 earned a Doctor of Medical Dentistry degree from the University of Oregon Dental School in Portland. Prior to graduation, he married Ellen Gusewelle of Portland. Jim started his dental career in 1962 in Corvallis and continued to practice dentistry until his retirement in April 1994.

Jim was an early member of the Northwest Banjo Band, and continued his love of banjo music. He had a passion for collecting and restoring antique Fords, and was an active member of the Corvallis Historic Auto Club and the Early Ford V-8 Club. He was a member of Timberhill Athletic Club, where he played the game of pickleball with passion.

Jim was an avid sailor, and enjoyed many hours sailing at Fern Ridge, the San Juan Islands, and the Gulf Islands in Canada. He made lifetime friends through all of these activities.

There will be no public service.