



John Frederick Bell

January 7, 1924 - November 16, 2019

He was born on January 7, 1924 in Ashland, Oregon the son of Lilly Davy and James Roderick Bell. John graduated from Ashland High School in 1942. While attending high school he played football and tennis.

He served in 10th Mountain Division during WWII. Trained in the Ski Troops in Colorado and also served in the Philippines.

John married to Myrna Elizabeth Perry on August 19, 1950 in Lakeview, Oregon.

He received a Bachelor's of Forestry from OSU in 1949, his Masters of Forest Economics from Duke University in 1951 and his Ph.D. in Forestry from University of Michigan in 1970. John was Professor of Forest Management at Oregon State University and Consulting Forester.

John received, Fellow Award in Society of American Foresters, Outstanding Alumni Award from College of Forestry, and Lifetime Achievement Award from Oregon Society of American Forestry. John served as Chairman of Benton County Republicans.

He was a devoted member of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints and held various leadership positions throughout his life. He served in the

Portland Oregon Temple for 21 years.

John Loved to travel, play racquetball, hike, ski, spend time at the beach and in the mountains, and follow OSU sports.

He is survived by his wife Myrna; four children: Cheri Mains, Marilyn Mason, Jim Bell, and Marla Rogers and their spouses, children, and grandchildren.

Funeral Services will be held at 11:00 am on Saturday, November 23, 2019, at The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, 4141 NW Harrison Blvd, Corvallis. Visitation will begin at 10:00 am.

Burial will follow at Oak Lawn Memorial Park.

McHenry Funeral Home is handling arrangements.

Cemetery Details

Oak Lawn Cemetery

2245 SW Whiteside Drive
Corvallis, OR 97333
(541) 753-4532

Previous Events

Visitation

NOV 23. 10:00 AM (PT)

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

Funeral Service

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“ I first met John in 1987 at a training workshop for Eugene BLM cruisers. My first impressions were wow, what a fount of knowledge this guy was. In the proceeding years, I attended many of his workshops on Variable Probability Sampling. I always picked up something new. When I was promoted up the ranks at BLM I always made sure my trainees attended his workshop.

He always asked people to bring forest sampling problems or issues they had to the Thursday session. I brought one we had and how we resolved it. It impressed him enough that he asked me to write an article for his newsletter about it. I was both honored and intimidated by the request. It caused a little consternation with folks at the BLM that I might be giving away internal information. I wasn't and I never told him about that. I like like to think Dr. John furthered my belief that we're here to solve problems.

He invited me back year after year to speak at his workshop. Near the last time, I did a presentation at the workshop where he and Kim Iles presented me with an original 1910 version of John Shaw's "How to Cruise Timber." The very first book known to be published about cruising timber. His and Kim Iles note to me on the inside read, "To Mike Hallinan, with our thanks for your support of the OSU short course and your effort to improve timber cruising." I will always treasure it and my memories of John.

He was an educator, mentor and one of the nicest human beings I have ever met.

Michael Hallinan - November 24, 2019 at 01:31 AM