



John Bell

November 22, 1925 - March 26, 2012

John was born in Fruitland, and was raised in Kings Valley.

Born to Curtis Brown Bell and Carrie Elenore Lambert, he would have three sisters and two brothers. One brother would die before John was born. John was the youngest. Velma, Verti, Ulla and Barney all preceded him.

John attended Kings Valley School until his 11th year, when he joined the U.S. Navy — just after the bombing of Pearl Harbor. He served as a pharmacist's mate in the Philippines, San Diego and San Francisco. He was very proud of being a veteran. After serving, he moved to Philomath, where he worked for lumber mills in and around town.

John married Frances Bottger and had two children, Connie and Monty, now Connie Howard of Klamath Falls and Monty Bell of Albany. John and Frances divorced, and he married Loma Kidd and moved to Corvallis with Loma and her three children from a previous marriage, Cynthia, John and Daniel. They would later have James (Andy) Bell together.

In 1965, John went to work as a maintenance man at Oregon State University. He worked there until his retirement. John loved cars and football — he could build anything, and always had a beautiful garden. He was well regarded by everyone he ever knew.

John was preceded in death by his father and mother; his three sisters; his brother; his wife, Loma; and two of his sons. Survivors include daughters Connie and Cynthia; sons Monty and Andy; and 13 grandchildren. He was a great dad and a wonderful friend.

A graveside service for his family and friends will take place at 1 p.m. Tuesday, April 3, at Twin Oaks Memorial Park in Albany.