



Joseph Beelart

March 1, 1922 - September 6, 2011

Joseph Hector Beelart, 89 of Corvallis died Tuesday. Born March 1, 1922 in Ewing Nebraska, he was the youngest of ten children born to Alfons and Marie Coppitters Beelaert. Joe served as a Corporal in the U. S. Marines during World War II and was involved in three infamous battles: Guadalcanal, Bougainville and Iwo Jima. He married Mary Ann Ruby on May 12, 1945 in Ewing, Nebraska where they ran a ranch. The couple had six children. In 1962, the family made their way to Corvallis, where Joe became a successful sales representative in the wood products industry.

After retirement, Joe and Mary Ann enjoyed travelling, spending time at the Oregon Coast and many fishing trips. Joe was an avid gardener, and was very generous with the bounty of his garden—sharing with Stone Soup to help feed the hungry. He was a member of St. Mary's Catholic Church in Corvallis and the Knights of Columbus.

Preceded in death by his parents; his siblings: August, Jennie, Christine, Evo, Julia, Frank and Alfons, Jr. and three great granddaughters. Joe is survived by his wife of 66 years, Mary Ann Ruby Beelart; children and their spouses: Joseph, Jr. (Sharon), Donald, Jane Schad, Kenneth (Colleen), Beverly Halpin and Rita (Dave) Yother; six grandchildren and three great grandchildren; two sisters Marie and Agatha.

Visitation will be held from 9:30 am to 10:30 am; recitation of the Holy Rosary at 10:30 am followed by a funeral mass at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Corvallis, all on Monday, September 12th. Father Stephen Clovis will officiate.

Committal Service with full military honors will be held at 11:00 am, Tuesday September 13th at Willamette National Cemetery in Portland. Memorial donations in Joe's name may be directed to the American Cancer Society in care of McHenry Funeral Home.