



Joseph Rohner

January 23, 1917 - October 31, 2007

Joseph Emil Rohner, 90 of Corvallis died Wednesday at Good Samaritan Regional Medical Center. Born January 23, 1917 in San Francisco; he was the son of Joseph and Hedwig Rohner. Joe was employed as a foreman for ODOT, beginning in 1939. He took a leave from ODOT to serve in the US Army during World War II. He was a highly decorated veteran, receiving the Asiatic Pacific Service Medal, a Good Conduct Medal, the Philippine Liberation Medal with one bronze service star and the Bronze Service Arrowhead and a Victory Medal. After the war, he went back to ODOT and retired in 1977.

Joe's passion was gardening and he was known in his neighborhood for supplying all the neighbors and family with vegetables. He also enjoyed deer hunting, and raising animals. According to his family, Uncle Joe was a "character" always quick with a joke and much loved by his family as he treated his many nieces and nephews as if they were his own children. Preceded in death by his parents Joseph and Hedwig Rohner and three sisters Marie, Edith and Erma; Joseph is survived by 3 sisters and one brother Hedy Peterson of Corvallis, Fran Payne of Springfield, Agnes Strawn of Keizer and Paul Rohner of Florence; 33 nieces and nephews.

Visitation will be held from 4:00 to 7:00 pm on Tuesday, November 6th at McHenry Funeral Home in Corvallis. The Rosary will be recited at 6:00 pm. Graveside service will be held at 11:00 am on Wednesday, November 7th at St. Mary's Catholic Cemetery in Corvallis.

Tribute Wall

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“ *Memories of Uncle Joe*
When as a child staying at Mom and Joe's getting to look through his lunch pail for the things he found while operating the grader. Holding us over the woodstove, twirling a lit cigarette in his mouth. Deer hunting at Herberger Springs and seeing his name on the State Highway sign as Section Foreman for Corvallis, the funny jokes and sayings. We were blessed to have Uncle Joe.

Mike Payne - November 04, 2007 at 07:38 PM

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“ *Uncle Joe was the BEST. He was the greatest uncle ever. All of the cousins have been tickled, teased and swung in circles by him, much to our delight. He was king of "pull my finger". He played with us and loved us. I have so many fond memories of the summers I spent at grandma's and Uncle Joe's. I would get to cook for them and he would take me shopping at the "Modern Freeze" by the house and let me pick out anything I wanted to, to cook for dinner. He never blinked an eye, even when I picked out steak. He use to call me "Henagoogle" and I thought it was the cutest nickname, until we were in the chicken coop and he told me not to step in the henagoogle. Then I found out he was calling me a little chicken s____. I will miss him always. God bless and keep him.*

Melinda Langdon - November 04, 2007 at 06:04 PM

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“ *My wife Sheryle, our sons Patrick and Andy and myself want to express our sympathy to the rest of our family on the passing of Uncle Joe. He will be missed greatly, I have not met anyone yet who has the same sense of humor and unfailing decency of my Uncle. May he rest in peace.*

Paul A. Payne - November 04, 2007 at 11:48 AM

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“ Uncle Joe was indeed a very special person. As a little kid, I always remember him as being quick with a joke and fast to tickle you when you least expected it. He could also lift you off your feet and raise you up to the ceiling faster than an elevator. Uncle Joe could do that all day long...no matter how many nieces and nephews were visiting. I just reminded Uncle Joe of those wonderful and happy times...2 weeks ago, when my cousin DeAnne brought him to visit Mom, Melinda, Mike, Seth, Danny and me. How lucky we all were to have been able to see his smile, hear his jokes and listen to his remembrances. We will all miss Joe. He made each and every one of us feel special.

Angela Carmen - November 03, 2007 at 06:46 PM