Kenneth Ostby

September 13, 1928 - February 19, 2011

A brief, three-month illness claimed the life of Ken Ostby, a 45-year resident of Corvallis and an avid Beavers fan.

Born in North Dakota, Ken came to Oregon at the age of 9 with his widowed mother and two sisters.

He built the business known as Pacific Rug Cleaners, and later shared his ownership with his eldest son, Kevin. They sold the business in 1995.

Ken will be greatly missed by his family, business associates and past customers, who got to know him well and appreciated his pleasing manners and character.

Ken married Roberta in 1989. Their 21 years of marriage has contributed to many, many joyful memories.

Ken had two sons, Kevin and Kyle, by a previous marriage. Also a source of joy has been his four grandsons, Tanner, Tyler, Kye and Kameron. His two daughters-in-law, Pam and Robin Ostby, and a sister in Florence, Pearl, complete the list of immediate family. David and Gina Crofut and their two children, Dominic and Gianna Crofut of California, represent his step-family.

Ken had many interests, such as horseshoe-pitching, bowling, billiards, bridge and feeding the wildlife, his love for animals unrelenting. He had a strong curiosity about the universe, and read many books on the subject.

There will be no funeral services.